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S.A., Pub. Board Elections Held

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Thomas Finnegan was elected Class of '92 President Tuesday, highlighting the halfway point of a hectic period of campus elections.

Five vacancies were filled last Friday and six Tuesday. One will be filled by tomorrow night and 21 will be filled next Wednesday.

The results

In Student Assembly elections, Ken Entlinger was elected '93 President, Harry Hackett '94 President, Buz Bedford '92 was elected Academic Chamber Chair, Steve Berkeley '92 Judicial Board Chair and Mary Sprott and Lynn Murphy were elected Co-Chairs of the Residence Hall Council.

The Community Council will name its new Chair sometime today or tonight, according to Aaron Dun, the incumbent Chair. John Werner '92 and Elizabeth Jiminez '93 are the two candidates.

Wednesday elections key

The elections next Wednesday will determine five Student Assembly Representatives from each class, a Treasurer from each class, a Program Board Chair, an Appeals Board Chair and an Honor Court Chair.

Brian Chiappinelli, Student Assembly President, said that all candidates were qualified but that he is particularly pleased with Finnegan's election.

"Tom is not afraid to take on new challenges," he said. "He likes to take the initiative. I've known him for a long time and he has tremendous capabilities."

Finnegan, who has already served as Chair of the Newman Council, will be in charge of handling all needs and concerns of his class. He will also have to play a small part in fund raising for the class.

"Thank goodness he's an economics major, because the class always seems to need money," Chiappinelli quipped.

Slightly lower turnout

519 voted in the Student Assembly elections, approximately 17 in the Community Council elections and approximately 15 in the Publications Board elections. The latter two elections were only open to members of the respective organizations.

Jill Oberman '91, Central Council Election Chair, coordinated the

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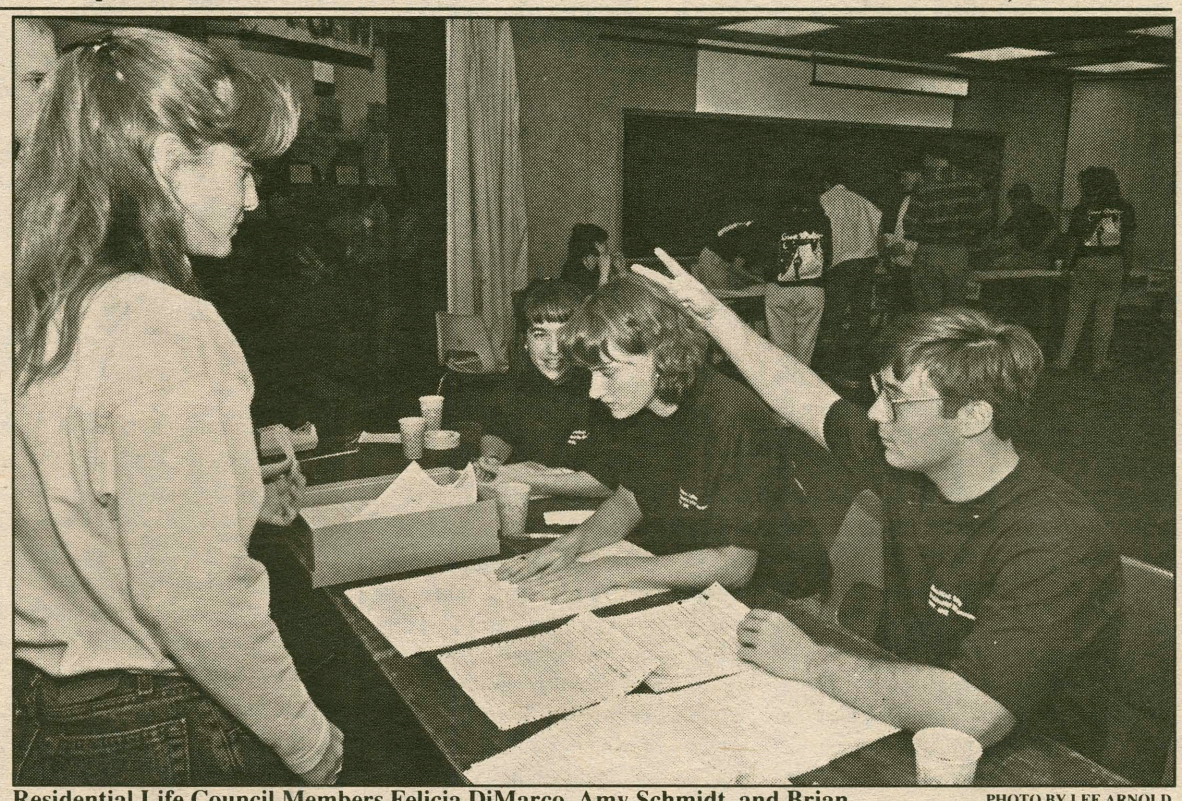

Residential Life Council Members Felicia DiMarco, Amy Schmidt, and Brian Chiappinelli try to make the best of a bad day at the General Housing Lottery. PHOTO BY LEE ARNOLD

Housing Crunch Leaves 92 Homeless

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The housing lottery on Sunday left 92 students temporarily homeless for the upcoming academic year, but the administration has promised that the situation will be eradicated by the fall.

The housing shortage occurred primarily because the Residential Life Office relied on an incorrect number of students who would be taking a leave of absence next year, according to Rebecca Reed, Dean of Housing.

Instead of 130 academic leave requests, the Registrar received only 99. Reed said the housing lottery remained scheduled to proceed as usual despite the shortage, because there was a chance several students would neglect to attend the lottery.

Few drop-outs

"In the past we've had a lot of no-shows or people who drop out the week before the lottery," Reed said. "Instead of panicking, we decided to wait it out and see what happened. Students coming back and admitted students are guaranteed a spot. I'm very confident that everyone will be housed in a short period of time."

For the 18 rising juniors and 74 rising sophomores who don't yet have housing, a "low-key lottery" will take place this Sunday to accomodate students into 55 spaces. In order to create those spaces some rooms originally designated as doubles and triples, were expanded to triples and quads, just as they were at the beginning of this year. This creates doubles for upperclass students from the rooms which were originally first-year doubles.

Those rooms may not actually have to be expanded since some students may decide not to come back from summer vacation. "I think it's important that we show our commitment to the upperclass students who have definitely made a commitment to Hamilton next year," Reed said.

Not the first time

Nancy Perkins, Assistant to the Dean of Housing, said similar situations have happened four or five times before in her 14-year history with the college. One year, she said, 130 students were wait-listed, but all got housing over the summer. After this happened, "we beefed up our restrictions about declaring leaves by a certain date, [since] a lot of students were manipulating the lottery."

This year, the former sophomore rule which allowed only two sophomores to be pulled into suites was abolished. "We felt it was really important that seniors top priority be able to live with whoever they wanted to live with without any restrictions," Reed said. The majority of the suites are filled with rising seniors and rising juniors, Reed said, yet "people are really angry at the sophomores."

Other causes of the lack of singles for seniors with low numbers and juniors are the fact that fewer singles

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Seniors Face Depressed Job Market

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The national recession has afflicted the job market without mercy, and college graduates in the class of '91 are testimony to the miserable plight that most employment-seekers are facing in today's America.

Monday's front page *New York Times* article, "Degrees and Stacks of Resumes Yield Few Jobs for Class of '91," asserts that the recession has stripped the nation's economy of 1.5 million jobs since last summer, imposing the bleakest American job market in a decade or more.

Colleges and universities across the nation report far fewer on-campus corporate recruiters and fierce competition for a pool of entry level jobs that experts say has shrunk 30% since last year. Seniors at Hamilton College are no exception to the rule, for the recession has eroded the market value of higher education across the board.

Currently, Hamilton seniors without jobs for next year outweigh those who have been successful in securing employment, according to Virginia Zombek, Recruiting Coordinator at the Career Center. The number of recruiters visiting the campus has dropped sharply from 60 in 1989 to 27 this year. Many students are still waiting for answers after second- and third-round interviews with the same company.

Math major Chris Cunniff '91 said he was called back for second-round interviews with both an accounting firm and an actuary firm, but has yet to receive a job offer. "It's a little bit disappointing," he remarked, "but I'm still fairly confident that in a couple of years I'll be able to look back at this and laugh."

Hamilton grads may have an edge

The predicament facing Hamilton graduates may be lessened somewhat by the college's exceptionally strong alumni networking system. "Of course the recession is affecting us, but not as much as at other campuses," said Zombek. "We are able to take advantage of the word-of-mouth, networking system that many companies use as a shortcut to obtain the best employment candidates."

While on-campus recruitment has not been as successful as in past years, the Career Center's Alumni Career Exploration Program [ACEP] has been used more widely this year than ever before. The program enables students to interview with

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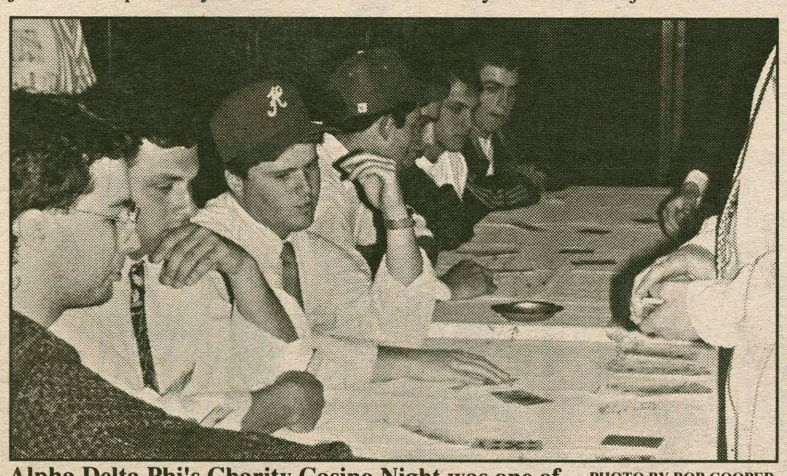

Alpha Delta Phi's Charity Casino Night was one of many scheduled events visited by accepted students. For more on the Open House, see page 3. PHOTO BY BOB COOPER

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Weekly Quotation

"I just keep plugging away, knowing that, eventually, I'm going to get a job."

-David Cho '91

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National News Briefs

Brady Bill Progresses
The proposed seven-day waiting period for handgun purchases easily cleared its second legislative hurdle Tuesday. The House Judiciary Committee voted 23-11 for the Brady bill. But despite the vote, Reagan's recent endorsement and President Bush's willingness to negotiate, sponsors of the measure predicted a close vote on the House floor early in May. The bill was rejected in 1988.

Carters May Quit Habitat
Former president Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, reportedly upset by the resignation of Habitat for Humanity founder and President Millard Fuller, said they were reconsidering their involvement in the group. Fuller says the board was cutting his authority. Last year five female workers accused Fuller of sexual harassment. No charges were filed and Fuller said he apologized.

Anti-Migrane Drug Created
A new drug offers hope of fast relief with few side effects for those who suffer migraine headaches. Sumatriptan, awaiting approval by the Food and Drug Administration, constricts blood vessels in the head. It appears to "stop the process that produces the pain," says Dr. James R. Couch, Southern Illinois University Medical School, Springfield, Ill.

Victim Testimony Considered
The Supreme Court Wednesday hears a Tennessee case that could lead to a rule allowing testimony of victims and their families before sentencing. The court is expected to reverse 1987 and 1989 rulings in which it said such testimony should be excluded to protect defendants' rights. The victim rights' movement is marking National Crime Victims Week this week.

FBI To Combat Discrimination
FBI Director William Sessions has called chiefs of the bureau's 56 field offices to Washington to discuss ways of combatting discrimination against blacks in its employment practices. Special agents in charge of the bureau's field offices across the nation were summoned to discuss complaints about recruitment, hiring and promotion made by a group of 250 black agents April 5.

Poor Spend 14% On Taxes
Poor families must spend nearly 14% of their incomes on state and local taxes, while the USA's wealthiest taxpayers pay less than 8% of their earnings for those same taxes, a new study says. The main culprits, say Citizens for Tax Justice: state and local sales taxes. They fall more heavily on the poor. And some states don't have income taxes, which usually hit the rich harder.

Memories May Provide Evidence
Suppressed childhood memories may provide key evidence in two slaying probes in Pittsburgh. A coroner's hearing begins Monday based on memories of John Mudd Jr., 20, of events the night 15 years ago when his father was killed. Also, prosecutors are trying to determine if a 1962 crime was committed as recalled by a 38-year-old man. He recalls seeing a minister slay a 10-year-old girl.

Rape Victims Need Privacy
Rape victims, not news organizations, should decide whether their names are published or broadcast, said most respondents to a USA TODAY poll. Respondents were asked if the news media should publish names of rape victims like they do victims of other crimes, or whether should they let rape victims decide if they want to be identified. The response:— sixty percent said alleged victims should give consent before being identified. — thirty-one percent said the names should never be made public.— six percent said the media do not need to get consent to publish. A similar poll in 1990 found 84 percent saying the victims should decide if they are to be named. The debate was rekindled when *The New York Times*, NBC News and others identified the woman who said she was raped at the Kennedy estate in Palm Beach, Fla. Most victims "really don't need (being identified) on top of the rape," said sociology professor Pauline Bart of the University of Illinois at Chicago. Other results of the poll: — 46 percent of women said that, if raped, they would be less likely to report it if they knew their names would become public. — 39 percent said the media use rape victims' names to sell newspapers. But 29 percent say they are just doing their jobs. — 68 percent said rape would not be less humiliating if victims were regularly identified in media coverage. — 67 percent said the media should not identify the woman involved in the Palm Beach case.

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International News Briefs

Quake Damage Assessed
Teams of U.S. disaster specialists headed for Costa Rica Tuesday to assess damage caused by the country's deadliest earthquake in 80 years. Officials said the quake killed 74 people - 24 in Panama - injured 800; and left about 15,000 homeless, 5,000 in Panama. Local news reports said the injured included a prisoner shot by a guard in a Costa Rican jail where riots erupted as the tremor struck.

Baker Has Long Talk With Assad
Secretary of State James Baker spent 9 1/2 hours Tuesday with Syrian President Hafez Assad. The length of the meeting and Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani's planned Syrian visit prompted speculation the two also discussed hostages held in Lebanon. Syria and Iran are thought to have some influence over the Shiite fundamentalists believed holding six Americans.

Resignation May Be Sought
The Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee meeting opens Wednesday, and Mikhail Gorbachev is expected to hear calls for his resignation as party leader. But Deputy party head Vladimir Ivashko dismissed the possibility of Gorbachev's removal. Gorbachev and Prime Minister Valentin Pavlov met with leaders from nine republics Tuesday, hoping to win support for a new economic program.

British Astronomers Find Quasar
Two British astronomers said they have found the brightest known quasar - a group of stars and black holes. The telescopic finding by Britain's Royal Greenwich Observatory pinpoints a quasar that is 12 billion light years away and is generating a quadrillion times more light than the sun. That's about 5,000 times more energy than the Milky Way galaxy puts out.

Baker Tours Kuwaiti Oil Fields
Secretary of State James Baker, sporting a Texas Longhorns knit sports shirt, toured the Ahmadi oil fields Monday with firefighter Red Adair. Several U.S. firms, including Adair's, are working to cap about 600 oil wells - set on fire by Iraqi troops. "It's the worst environmental degradation I have ever seen," Baker said after touring the fields.

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News from other Ivory Towers

Playboy Interviews Spark Protests
Ann Arbor, Mich. — Protesters from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, voiced opposition to *Playboy* magazine's upcoming "Girls of the Big Ten" issue by demonstrating outside the hotel near campus where women were being interviewed as potential models for the spread. Elizabeth Steiner, director of UM Ann Arbor's Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center, said the magazine was only "preying" on college women, and added that she was insulted the magazine would visit during National Rape Prevention Month. "They have every right to protest," *Playboy* spokeswoman Elizabeth Norris said. "The only thing we ask is that they not stop the women who want to (be interviewed)." The magazine produces an athletic conference issue every year. This is the third time *Playboy* has featured the Big Ten Conference, where an average of 200 women have been interviewed at each of the 11 member schools.

Uprisings Close Several Colleges
New York — Student protests over a proposed $500-a-year tuition increase and financial aid cuts have forced six branches of the City University of New York to shut down and disrupted classes at many of CUNY's other 21 schools. Classes were cancelled or re-routed at campuses where buildings were seized or occupied by protesters. University administration sent a letter to protesters urging them "to abandon the illegal occupations" of buildings to avoid jeopardizing the remainder of the spring semester. The letter also stressed that university officials have testified against the cuts before the state legislature. "We hope to settle this amicably and not escalate the situation," spokeswoman Rita Rodin said. "There are many legal ways of protesting....These students are taking illegal ways." The university has issued temporary restraining orders to some students involved in the protests and suspended others.

Cuts Jeopardize UVM Program
Burlington, Vt. — The University of Vermont's graduate social work programis in jeopardy of not gaining accreditation because budget cuts have forced the school to defer the hiring of another faculty member. The Council on Social Work Education, the national accrediting body, insiststhat schools have adequate faculty before granting approval. Not having accreditation would significantly devalue a degree earned through the program, and "put students at a distinct disadvantage to gain employment (and) credentials," department chair Stanley Witkin said. Before a social worker can get certified in Vermont, he or she must have graduated from a school accredited by the Council.

Mixed Reviews King Memorial
Dekalb, Ill. — A controversial memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has gotten mixed reviews at Northern Illinois University. Students were initially disappointed that the sculpture wasn't a representation of King, but instead an abstract tribute to the slain leader. Selection panel members, including artists, students and faculty, said an abstract sculpture would allow for more individual interpretation regarding King's values and goals than a realistic one. But some students felt that the sculpture, which incorporates a 17-foot-tall stack of two concrete cones, would confuse more than enlighten. "It's art — you can't please everyone," Student Association senator Henry Treftz said. But a compromise was reached: A bust of King will be installed in front of the school library, and the models of the fianlists that weren't selected will placed around campus. The $120,000 needed for the statue came from private, corporate and campus donations.

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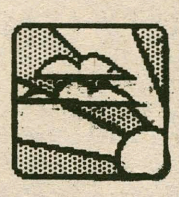
Weekend Weather



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Sunday:
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Puzzle Solution

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Open House for Accepted Students Enjoys Success

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A record number of accepted first-year students visited Hamilton on Tuesday as part of the two-day Open House program. Approximately 225 prospective students arrived from places as far away as Texas, California, Germany and Poland, and about 180 stayed the night with student hosts.

John Valentine, Assistant Dean of Admission and Open House coordinator, said that the high number of visiting accepted students can be attributed to this week's vacation for New York State high schools. About half of the accepted students reside in New York.

Demand for student hosts

Because of the high participation, however, Valentine found it more difficult to find student hosts. "Hamilton students in general are always enthusiastic and willing to help out, especially in the last few chaotic moments," he said.

Most student coordinators agreed. "The most difficult challenge was finding a host for everyone; we were all really surprised at the number of students coming up," said Jeff Wright '94. "In the end, though, everything worked out really well."

Normally about 300 accepted students confirm their visits early, after which they are carefully matched with a host through the regular host program. With late R.S.V.P.s from new students, however, the coordinators only had two weeks of planning to find hosts for everyone.

Interaction in a "comfortable atmosphere"

Valentine said he hoped that since the Open House didn't fall on a weekend, prospectives didn't visit the college with the notion that the two days would center around partying and drinking.

"The format has changed because we want students to get a better overall feel for the college," he said. "During the week prospectives can attend classes, talk to professors, and see Hamilton students at work. We find that we attract the type of students we are looking for and we attract those who want to work hard as well."

By attending classes, he said, prospectives are able to see the high amount of interaction between students and professors in a "comfortable atmosphere."

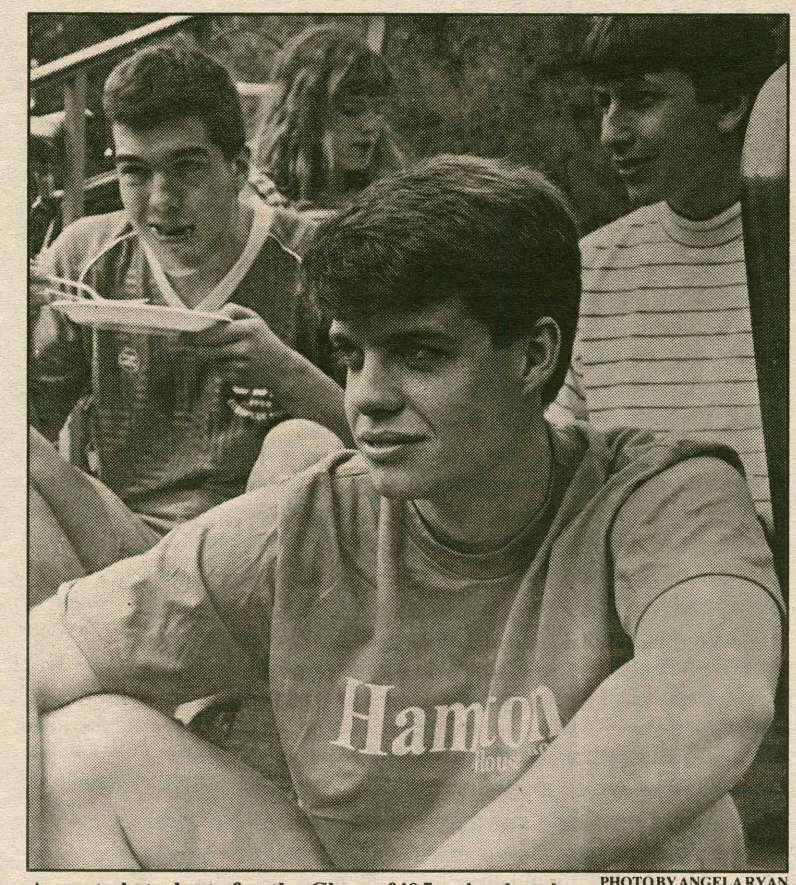
On Tuesday activities for both parents and students were held. Panel discussions were led by senior professors from various disciplines, and "educational extras" discussed topics such as the study abroad programs and career planning. Accepted students were also given the opportunity to speak with professors at a departmental Open House.

Many things to do

The parents of prospectives were able to ask questions and speak with the administration and faculty. "Quite a few parents and children made appointments or stopped by to discuss their financial aid," said Kristen Hopkins, Assistant Director of Financial Aid. "They questioned where the money will come from and how families are expected to pay increasing tuition. Salaries do not increase in the same way that tuition does. People wonder how they can tighten their belts to pay the bills."

Tuesday night students had the option of attending the Activities Fair, a senior project in theater, the Spring Campus Bandfest, the Hamilton College Orchestra Concert and the non-alcoholic Alpha Delta Phi "Casino Night." At the Activities Fair, most campus organizations set up information tables to explain their goals and functions.

The event saw an unexpected twist at the Fair, when several private society supporters argued with members of Hamiltonians Opposed to Selective Societies [HOSS].



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Accepted students for the Class of '95 enjoy lunch with a Student Admissions Committee member Wednesday afternoon.

Many students were upset when HOSS discouraged accepted students from participating in Alpha Delta Phi's "Casino Night" charity benefit. HOSS members insisted that the event should not be attended because "sexism and elitism are never for a good cause."

HOSS also distributed flyers to prospectives suggesting that they should not matriculate here because of the presence of "inequities perpetrated by the sexist, selective private society system...tell the Admissions Office."

Steven Reynolds '93 sits on the Admissions Committee and helped organize the Open House. He questioned HOSS's timing. "This was not a proper forum for that discussion," he said. "The society issue is an important one, but the prospectives should have been left out of it."

'Evaluate the community'

The coordinators did say they were generally pleased with the success of the Open House. Valentine said he hoped the new students "got a feel for the personal and intimate experience students have at Hamilton and experienced how much Hamilton cares about present students as well as prospectives."

Wright, who plans to head the event next year, said he hoped the students "can now evaluate what they saw at Hamilton and reflect upon what they can draw from our community."

Afro-American Feminist Highlights 'Womyn's Energy Weekend'

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In commemoration of "Womyn's Energy Weekend," Dawn Person, an assistant professor of higher education at the Teacher's College of Columbia University, lectured on multicultural feminism Sunday in the Chapel.

Person first gave an overview of the Women's Movement from the 18th century to the present. It is important "to realize the impact of women's issues on today's society. I must pay tribute to the many women who have come before me," she began. "We have come a long way, but there is a long way to go yet."

She then listed some important women of the 18th and 19th centuries, including Susan B. Anthony and Francis Wright, and discussed some of the important feminist accomplishments of this time period.

The media's role

The attitudes that the media perpetuated about the Women's Movement during this time period were especially notable, according to Person. In the 19th century, several distinctive female traits, including endurance, loving submission, and quick apprehension, came to be defined.

Person quoted a 19th century publication that read, "A woman is nobody; a wife is everything." Similar publications accused the Women's Movement of being anti-biblical, unnatural, and anti-marriage. The women who convened at Seneca Falls in 1847-1848 were all perceived to be divorced, childless, radical, and unimportant.

Dawn Person lectured on multicultural feminism last Sunday.

Not until 1860 did a wife have full control over the property that she owned in New York State, according to Person. In 1869, Wyoming became the first state to give women the right to vote. In 1920, the 19th amendment to the Constitution finally gave all women the right to vote.

Racism and sexism

In the second two-thirds of the lecture, Person concentrated on contemporary issues, especially the multicultural feminist experience. Speaking from her own experience as an African-American feminist, she explained, "racism and sexism are equally repressive."

The internal structure of the Women's Movement, said Person, is not immune to racism. Feminism was first seen by African-Americans as a white issue. Person spoke of the "reluctance [for] black women to bond with white feminists" because of the control white women had over all women of color.

Person described five myths about black feminism that are prevalent in today's society, and said that all of the myths are baseless.

She enumerated the five myths as follows: black women are already liberated; racism is the primary, or only oppression black women face; feminism is nothing but man-hating; women's issues are narrow, apolitical concerns; and feminists are nothing but a bunch of lesbians.

These myths have been in existence since the inception of the Women's Movement, and Person declared that because racism and sexism permeate our society broad-based interaction is necessary to dispel them.

Changing our values

Person recommended that to change our values we should enter groups that challenge ourselves, move in directions toward building coalitions, and confront racism and sexism head-on. "We must create a fiber of society that treats women and men equally," she insisted.

News Briefs

GLBSA Weekend Commences

Today marks the kick off of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Alliance [GLBSA] Weekend. The first key event will be tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Red Pit, when Christine Martin will deliver a lecture entitled, "Identity and Language: A Survey of Hot Bitch Dykes and Fierce Queer Fags."

Tomorrow there will be a film at 3:00 p.m. in Kirner-Johnson entitled "Another Country," followed by a barbecue at 5:00 in McEwen and a dance party at 11:00 in the Coffee-House. At Kirner-Johnson at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, there will be a film entitled "Longtime Companion."

The weekend is also sponsored by the Dean of Students Office, Kirkland Endowment, Residence Hall Committee, Office of the President, La Vanguardia, Women's Center, Faculty for Women's Concerns and the Black and Latin Student Union.

Al Ham Day Promises to Entertain

The traditional Inter-Society Council [ISC] "Al Ham Day" will take place tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. with a Tug of War team competition. The event will feature $20 gift certificates from Vincent's, Roma's and Garden Café pizzerias. The classic rock band "Spanky and the Love Profits" will provide live entertainment from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the terrace of Bristol Campus Center. The ISC is also sponsoring the band "Bag of Worms," which will play from 5:00 to 7:00 in conjunction with an all-college cookout in front of Commons Dining Hall.

Dyan Finguerra '92, President of the ISC, helped organize the event. "The purpose of Al Ham day is to bring the community together, to break down the barriers," she said. "The day's goal is for everyone, regardless of their stance on the society issue, to forget everything and have some fun." Finguerra added that "it would be pathetic if anyone tried to disrupt this."

Senior Sale in Sage

On Saturday May 4, the Hamilton Environmental Action Group [HEAG] will be sponsoring a furniture and sale auction in Sage Rink. Any seniors no longer needing their couches, arm chairs, bicycles, tapestries, tables, posters or any other pieces of furniture or accessories can bring them to the Sage on May 3 between Noon and 7:00 p.m. The rink will open at 10:00 a.m. the following morning.

Of the proceeds, 50% will be used to benefit the Adirondack Council, a group dedicated to the purchase and protection of the forest, lakes, wetlands and mountains in the neighboring Adirondack Park. The Council claims to be the "only bulwark against the extensive development, deforestation and commercialization" of the park.

Official Course Evaluations Halted for One Semester

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As a result of the Faculty's inability to reach a consensus, there will not be any college-wide course evaluations this semester.

At its April meeting, the Faculty failed to take action on the proposed course evaluation form. Earlier this semester, the Faculty approved a motion expressing its "lack of confidence" in the College's system of evaluating professors.

Without a form approved by the Faculty, the College cannot distribute course evaluation forms, according to President Harry Payne and Eugene Tobin, Dean of the Faculty. Several professors, however, said that they would distribute their own course evaluation forms.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Faculty discussed course evaluations for nearly two hours before adjourning until Thursday afternoon due to the lack of a quorum. "We cannot vote on this today [Tuesday]. I'm sorry. We tried," said G. Roberts Kolb, Associate Professor of Music and Chair of the Faculty.

Seventy-seven professors constitute a quorum, without which the Faculty cannot conduct business. Only 72 were present at Thursday's meeting, according to Stephen Orvis, Assistant Professor of Government and Faculty Secretary.

Kolb later said that the quorum "is artificially high," since visiting professors and "professors who do not have a part of the ongoing concern of the institution" are counted as regular members of the Faculty. Short notice, classes and other commitments, Kolb said, prevented many professors from attending the meeting.

The proposed form considered Tuesday was recommended by the Faculty Committee on Appointments, which considers tenure and promotion decisions. John O'Neill, Professor of English and Chair of the Committee, said that the Committee "tried to bring a motion in time so that a form could be used this semester." If adopted, the motion would have provisionally approved a course evaluation form which would be reviewed after one year.

Compromised anonymity?

The Committee's form asks students to evaluate their own performance in the course in addition to providing information about themselves, such as their year, sex, and expected grade. Nathaniel Strout, Associate Professor of English, objected to the "Student information" section. Contending that student anonymity might be compromised by such a section, Strout motioned to eliminate the section, but his motion failed.

The Committee's form also asks to students to comment on whether the subject matter was "engaging and demanding," how the instructor structured and organized the course, and whether the instructor responded well to student questions. In addition to these "narrative" responses, the form asked students to rate their overall impression of the course and of the instructor.

Maureen Miller, Assistant Professor of History, said that if students did not explain their ratings, it would be "worse than what we have now." Miller wanted students to explain their answers, motioning to instruct students "to respond to each of the first five [narrative] questions before answering number six [the rating question] or your responses will not be tabulated." David Paris, Professor of Government, said the motion was too threatening. "The way to get students to take the form seriously," he said, "is to present them with a serious form."

Miller's motion was rejected in favor of a motion by Peter Millet, Professor of Physics, who took issue with the rating question. Millet's motion, which the Faculty approved on a vote of 41 to 25, eliminated the rating question. According to Millet, "you can figure it [the student's evaluation] out from the narrative responses."

O'Neill, however, opposed Millet's motion, saying that "the numbers do have a purpose, and that purpose is comparative." "If we eliminate number six [the rating question]," O'Neill continued, "then we're eliminating comparison."

After nearly ninety minutes of debate, Alfred Kelly, Professor of History, moved to send the form "back to committee," but Kelly's motion was defeated after O'Neill explained that "if it returns to Committee ... [then] we have no evaluations this semester." Mary Ellen McKenna '93, Student Assembly Vice President, told the Faculty that she "would hate to see the form sent to committee" and warned that "students will be very upset" unless a form is approved.

Since the Faculty could not continue its meeting Thursday, however, several professors said they would distribute their own course evaluation forms, and Tobin told the Faculty present at Thursday's meeting that "if you have a form that you would like to present to your classes, that's your prerogative."

Evaluations not filed

Tobin explained that any evaluations which are distributed would be collected by the Registrar's Office and that Professors would receive the forms only after final grades have been submitted, but, Tobin pointed out, the forms would not automatically become a part of the professor's tenure file.

Tuesday, the Faculty approved a motion by the Committee on Appointments, which would require the Dean of the College to solicit student letters about their professors at every reappointment review. Currently letters are solicited only when a professor is eligible to receive tenure. The faculty also held elections and approved a motion making technical changes to the *Faculty Handbook*.

Leaders Named for Key Positions

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Student Assembly elections. She said that the voter turnout was disappointing, but not surprising.

"It is always a little bit disheartening," she said. "But there is not much we can do. We are working on some options to get a better response."

President concerned

Chiappinelli said that one of his goals as President was to devise a plan to make sure more students vote. The problem, he said, is that not enough students know about the Assembly and what it does.

"We have tried so many ideas in the past," he said. "But I think it comes down to the fact that not enough people know what we are all about. I'm concerned. We plan to confront that problem by reminding students that they really should know about their own assembly."

Oberman said that having all elections on the same day might increase student interest but that too many offices currently are on different length schedules.

The Assembly President's term, for example, runs from the beginning of Spring Term to the end of the Fall Term the next year, while the Class Representatives' terms run from the beginning of the Fall Term through the remainder of the academic year.

The Publications Board held its elections Tuesday. Dana Silber '92 was named Editor of *Red Weather*, Alan Underwood '94 Editor of *Discourse*, Tony Rodriguez '94 Editor of the *Daily Bull*, Ed Starzec '92 Editor of *Ekthesy* and Jim Rushton '92 was reelected General Manager of WHCL radio.

The Publications Board suffered from a low application turnout, as nobody ran for positions of Editor of the *Roots in the Glen* yearbook, *Wag* humor magazine and *Perspectives* course guide, and three of the winners ran unopposed.

"It sounds worse than it actually is," said Robert Latchford '92, Publications Board Chair. "I am entirely confident that people will come forth. All of our publications are prestigious and maintain a high level of quality. People know that and that will pull us through."

Latchford said he possibly has a candidate for yearbook editor, but is waiting before making the official announcement. He also said that that a *Wag* editor will probably surface before the end of the academic year, because the magazine will be releasing its latest edition soon.

He did show concern, however, for the possible fate of *Perspectives*. The student course guide, because it is a new publication, is on probationary status and needs an editor to stay alive.

"This situation is unfortunate," Latchford said. "This publication has died before and no one wants to see that happen again."

Housing Guaranteed For Lottery Losers

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were offered to the upperclass students because they encouraged first years to be placed in Bundy, where 80 singles are located. Also, the fact that Carnegie rooms were not taken as quickly as in the past means that singles went more quickly, leaving fewer for rising juniors and seniors with bad numbers.

Substance-free singles

There are two academic interest suites next year, including an international suite and a literary society, composed mainly of rising sophomores. Students interested in academic interest housing must meet with the housing committee, a faculty advisor, and answer questions about their proposed suite.

At the end of the lottery, the only singles that remained on campus were in the Bundy substance-free housing area. Students willing to sign a contract which stated that they would not be allowed to enter the designated area drunk, nor would they be able to smoke in this area, were encouraged to take these singles, with the understanding that any violation of this contract would be taken as seriously as an honor code violation. As of the first lottery, 9 substance-free rooms remain, and 8 Bundy quiet area rooms remain.

Students not pleased

Students in general were agitated. "I was upset because this system that's supposed to be based on seniority allows underclassmen to get better picks than upperclassmen," said Ken Carrington '93, who was "bumped" to the bottom of his class after he missed the pre-registration deadline by one minute, and as a rising junior, does not yet have housing for next year.

"I really don't see any fairness in the system."

The initial reaction of Christa Ehmann '94 was disbelief. "We were annoyed because we weren't asking for much — a double anywhere, and we didn't want to be with two other people who we didn't know," she said. "They've been doing this for so long, that I thought by now they'd be able to run it more smoothly. I think it's definitely being handled however. I feel okay about it now."

Amy Kline '92 received number 335, and before the lottery "was entirely confident" that she would get a single anywhere on campus. "I was devastated as a rising senior that I couldn't get priority housing," she remarked. Kline will be living in a single in Bundy next year, directly across the hall from where she lives this year, and she doesn't know anyone living near her.

'Lottery ridiculous'

"I just can't understand how they didn't anticipate the fact that they would be short 92 beds," she said. "It's really ridiculous. The lottery ruins friendships, psyches people out, and is done at a very bad time of the year. It's got to be seriously looked into."

Kline felt that although she might have done the same, the academic interest students went into it with the specific interest in mind to get good housing, "there's no reason why the sophomores in special interest housing should get better housing than upper-classmen."

Kline felt that the special interest might have been a side factor, and felt that it was unfair that her sorority, Phi Sigma Sigma, "as a special interest group of women who want to live together has not been eligible for special interest housing during their 10 years of existence, but a group that got together this semester for a literary society is."

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Anne O'Sullivan discussed the potential threat to women posed by all-male groups in a lecture sponsored by HOSS. PHOTO BY LEE ARNOLD

Gang Rape Focus of HOSS Forum

JANE DEGENHARDT
NEWS EDITOR

Anne O'Sullivan, a social psychologist on the faculty of Bucknell University, spoke Friday evening in the Red Pit on the dynamics of gang rape committed by college students. The lecture, which was sponsored by HOSS [Hamiltonians Opposed to Selective Societies], focused on how the competition nurtured within and between fraternal societies could lead to crime against women.

Noting that competition between young men often centers around "admiration for the most extreme behavior," O'Sullivan said that perpetrators of group sex crimes are usually closely-knit friends who may have grown up together and often live with one another at college. "These group tend to be competitive with other groups and feel superior to them," she remarked.

After observing fraternal groups at colleges around the country, O'Sullivan came to liken them in some respects to herds of male orangutans. She said the male orangutans, who are largely ostracized by the rest of the orangutan society, go around in groups to secure sex, if only forcibly, with female orangutans.

O'Sullivan claims that men who join fraternities also do so, in part, to have attractive women around them and secure sex. Often times, however, these men choose sexual partners who are from the "out group" of women, "so as not to threaten loyalties within the fraternal group." O'Sullivan said men could establish their masculinity without threatening fraternal loyalties by having sex with women who are intoxicated or from a lower social status.

Gang rape, she said, strengthens the group solidarity, provides the competition young men need, and provides a way to have sex and at the same time humiliate women.

As she began to look more and more into fraternal cultures, which may include sports teams as well as private societies, O'Sullivan said she was struck with the "strange sexual rituals" that characterize initiation into the groups. These sexual rituals center around humiliating the newcomers.

"Once you've done something that embarrasses you, you feel so close to the people you did it with," said O'Sullivan. She then questioned the healthiness of bonds based on humiliation, saying that humiliation "makes you over-value the group experience."

Another reason why membership in fraternal groups is valued, suggested O'Sullivan, is the fact that these groups appear difficult to get into. "The more difficult it is to get into a group, the more we value the group," she said. "Perhaps the only reason I value being an academic is that it took so long to get here."

After the lecture, O'Sullivan received questions and comments from a number of fraternity members in the audience. They objected to the belittling of male-bonding and asked whether the degradation and violation of women wouldn't still persist even if fraternal organizations were abolished. O'Sullivan said she didn't have an answer to the question, but wanted to give the abolishment of these organizations "a try" anyway.

Asserting that the problems of fraternal cultures could not be addressed from within the cultures themselves, O'Sullivan concluded by advocating co-educational housing at all expenses.

Catholic-Jewish Relations Examined

SARAH ABBOT
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Sister Rose Thering O. P., Ph. D., delivered a lecture on Catholic and Jewish relations last Friday. The lecture was sponsored by the Newman Council and Hillel.

Thering has been a professor at Seton Hall University since 1968. She has won over thirty awards for her work in the area of Catholic-Jewish relations, including the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award for her "countless contributions to all human beings irrespective of race, color, creed or nationality," and the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Medal Award presented to her by the Israeli government for her efforts on behalf of Israel.

She is a member of over twenty organizations working to preserve relations between Christians and Jews. She is currently the Executive director of the *National Christian Leadership Conference for Israel.*

Thering began her lecture by arguing that since the reign of Pope Pious X, Catholic and Jewish relations have improved- but still have a long way to go. In the present day Pope John Paul The Second, still refuses to acknowledge Israel as a separate nation. She asked, "Why not acknowledge Israel?"

Thering then attributed the lack of Christian understanding of Jews largely to false teaching. Throughout the world, she theorized, Catholics are inaccurately thought that "Jews killed Jesus." She said that had more been done to correct the false Catholic liturgy at the time of the holocaust, more catholics would have saved Jews.

Thering, to combat this problem, said she has set up programs in all Catholic seminaries in the United States and at over five-hundred Catholic high schools to "present a positive picture of Jews." She has also created *Within Context*, which gives guidelines for the presentation of Jews in the New Testament.

She cited the Belgian Carmelite Nuns, who reopened the church on the grounds at Auschwitz, as examples of ignorance towards Jews. Despite Jewish and Christian outrage, Thering said, the Carmelite Nuns refuse to leave Auschwitz or remove the thirty-two foot cross they have erected there.

She said she believes that Catholic-Jewish relations will improve each year. Christians, she said, still have to remove the false documentation of Jews from their literature and the accompanying prejudices.

Seniors Have Limited Job Options

Job Market from page 1

alumni who are employed in their field of interest to gain first-hand insights and suggestions about what to expect in their potential careers.

"Even though the market says jobs aren't out there, our students have found jobs that have not necessarily been advertised by knowing how to conduct a career research program," says Zombek. "Colleges that don't place as much emphasis on career search education have not done as well as Hamilton."

Career search vs. job placement

Zombek insists that the Career Center at Hamilton is not a placement center, but rather a place where students can be educated on "how to conduct a career search, both for now and for down the road." In the current job market, these research skills may prove to be the most valuable asset a student can have.

Still, no career search strategy can get around the plain fact that there are very few jobs available to the million or so students that will be graduating from U.S. colleges in a matter of weeks. Many students have had to resort to widening their career searches, lowering their expectations, and assuming an attitude of flexibility with regard to the future. Otherwise, there is little consolation for those disheartened by accumulating rejection letters.

Keeping hopeful

"It's been tough — there's no doubt about it," remarked David Cho '91, who remains jobless after numerous interviews with both on-campus recruiters and alumni that are based in New York City advertising firms. "I was almost relieved to read the article in the *Times* because I was afraid I was doing something completely wrong. I just keep plugging away, knowing that, eventually, I'm going to get a job."

The few companies who have sent recruiters to campus are primarily business-related companies, such as J.P. Morgan, Norstar Bank, and Chubb Insurance. Companies like these are more able to foresee their hiring needs in future years, according to Zombek, whereas not-for-profit organizations "never quite know how many openings they might have."

Students graduating with specialized degrees or from technical schools may have an advantage in the current job market, according to several people quoted by the *Times*. But Zombek maintains that a liberal arts education provides students with the skills to get through a job search and eventually succeed in all kinds of careers.

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Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson

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THREE CHEERS FOR FIRST TIGER AND EL PRESIDENTE, HOBBES, THE DELIGHT OF ALL COGNOSCENTI! HE'S SAVVY! HE HAS A PRODIGIOUS IQ, AND LOTS OF PANACHE, AS ALL TIGERS DO! IN HIS FANCY CHAPEAU, HE'S A LEADER WITH TASTE! MAY HIS ORDERS BE HEEDED AND HIS VIEWS BE EMBRACED!
YOU CAN TELL THIS IS A GREAT CLUB BY THE WAY WE START OUR MEETINGS!
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THIS MEETING OF THE GET RID OF SLIMY GIRLS CLUB IS NOW IN SESSION! FIRST TIGER HOBBES WILL PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL REPORT.
WAIT, WE DIDN'T SING THE G.R.O.S.S. ANTHEM.
WE SING THAT AT THE END OF THE MEETING.
I WANT TO SING IT NOW.
WE CAN'T. WE HAVE TO FOLLOW PROPER PROTOCOL! SEE? IT SAYS ON THE AGENDA THAT WE SING THE ANTHEM LAST.
OHHOHH GROHOSS ♪ BEST CLUB IN THE COSMOS..
STOP THAT, YOU ANARCHIST!
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YOU GET TWO DEMERITS FOR SINGING THE CLUB ANTHEM BEFORE IT WAS ON THE AGENDA!
WELL YOU GET FIVE DEMERITS FOR NOT TAKING OFF YOUR HAT DURING ITS HALLOWED REFRAIN!
YOU CAN'T GIVE ME DEMERITS! I OUTRANK YOU.
HA! YOU'RE JUST A FIGUREHEAD! YOUR DUTIES ARE CEREMONIAL! I HAVE ALL THE REAL RESPONSIBILITIES!
WHAT?! I'M DICTATOR-FOR-LIFE! I HAVE TEN TIMES THE IMPORTANCE OF A LOWLY FIRST TIGER! A HUNDRED TIMES! A MILLION TIMES!
IF YOU'RE SO IMPORTANT, HOW COME YOU SING THE SOPRANO PART OF OUR ANTHEM?
THAT'S JUST TILL MY VOICE CHANGES!
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BY GOLLY, I WON'T STAND FOR THIS INSUBORDINATION! YOU ARE HEREBY DEMOTED TO "CLUB MASCOT"!
OH YEAH?! WELL YOU CAN BE "CLUB CHONDER HEAD," BECAUSE I QUIT!
I'M FORMING MY OWN CLUB, AND IT'S GOING TO BE A LOT BETTER THAN THIS ONE!
HA! YOUR SORRY CLUB WON'T HAVE A COOL ACRONYM FOR A NAME, I'LL BET!
IT WILL TOO! MY CLUB IS CALLED "C.A.D."
C.A.D.? WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO STAND FOR?
"CALVIN'S A DOPE"!
THAT'S NOT A NAME FOR A CLUB!
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IF YOUR CLUB'S CALLED "CALVIN'S A DOPE," THEN I'M CHANGING THE NAME OF THIS CLUB TO "HOBBES IS A MANGY FLEA-RIDDEN FURBALL"!
AN INSULT! I DECLARE ETERNAL WAR ON YOUR CLUB!
GO AHEAD! FROM NOW ON WE'RE BITTER ENEMIES!
WAIT TILL YOU SEE MY CUNNING STRATEGIES! I'LL HAVE MAPS AND SECRET CODES!
I'LL HAVE STRATEGIES! I'LL HAVE MAPS! I'LL HAVE CODES! THEY'LL ALL BE BETTER THAN YOURS!
I'M GOING TO WRITE MYSELF A MESSAGE IN CODE RIGHT NOW! IT SAYS, "CALVIN SMELLS LIKE A BABOON!"
HA! I BROKE YOUR CODE ALREADY! AND I DO NOT!
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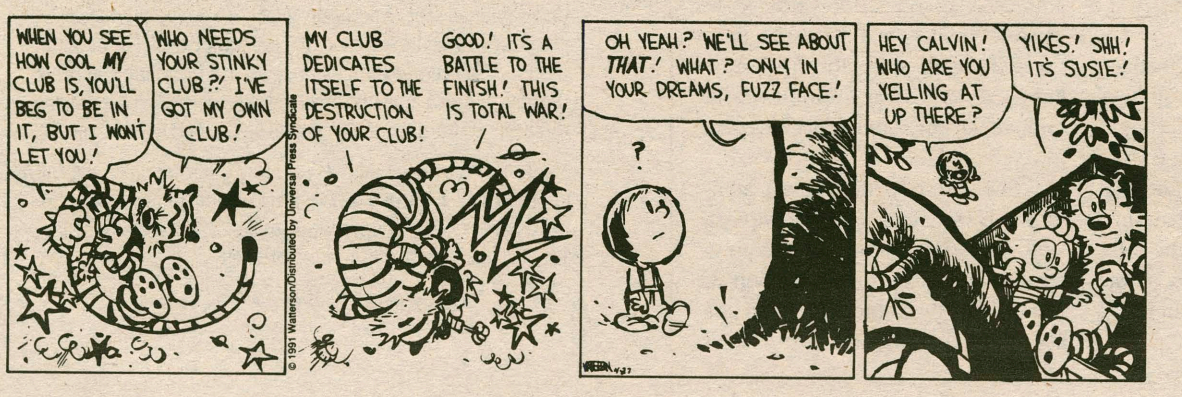
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WHO NEEDS YOUR STINKY CLUB?! I'VE GOT MY OWN CLUB!
MY CLUB DEDICATES ITSELF TO THE DESTRUCTION OF YOUR CLUB!
GOOD! IT'S A BATTLE TO THE FINISH! THIS IS TOTAL WAR!
OH YEAH? WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT! WHAT? ONLY IN YOUR DREAMS, FUZZ FACE!
HEY CALVIN! WHO ARE YOU YELLING AT UP THERE?
YIKES! SHH! IT'S SUSIE!
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Quotable Quotes

"Upperclassmen should get housing and first years should just get housed."

-Jim Wackerman '93 commenting on the plight of the current housing situation.

"How many hours would you like the room for?"

-Employee of the Sleepy Eight motel to Jeff Spencer '92, trying to rent a room in Albany. Obviously a five - star establishment.

"I would be a morning person if morning was later."

-Dan Lascell '92, waking up with a hangover on a Monday morning. And on a school night, too.

"I don't suck—I just go straight for the tootsie."

-Caitlin Francke '91 on how she eats a tootsie roll pop.

"You know, it really doesn't look that bad."

-Jason Welch '94, commenting on a raod kill as he desperately tries to lose weight for a crew race this weekend.

"Maybe by next September the Kurdish situation will be resolved, so the U. S. Armed Forces can come to Hamilton and build *us* shelters."

-Governement Professor Ted Eismier in his Leadership class.

"I know it hasn't been anywhere I haven't."

-Chuck Perry '93 on why he doesn't mind his ex-girlfriend's bar of soap. Aren't you glad you use her Dial . . . don't you wish everybody did?

"Are you a fraternity member?"

-Unknown sophomore female to Will Davidson '91. She must be illiterate.

"I'm getting so desperate that I just proposed to some girl I don't even know in hopes of getting the married student housing."

-Overheard at the Housing Lottery.

"I don't like sucking anything at 4 a. m.!"

-Chrissie Escala '94, responding to the offer of "sucking down" a few beers.

"My relationship with J. K. W. is like that of a powerful narcotic."

-Joby Gardner '91, at the ballot box while John cast his vote last Friday. Huh?

"The administration should stop picking on societies . . . at least they provide housing."

-Scott Malouf '92, D-Phi brother, (who happens to live in Bundy).

"It's not easy being cheesy."

-Howie Steinman '93, referring to his brown - nosing exploits in his Leadership class.

"It's kind of scary when you go to put on your clothes and they're moving away from you."

-Father John Croghan talking about most undergraduates' laundry. Like he doesn't get "ring around the collar."

"I guess the anti-society side just wimped out and went home."

-Anonymous Hamilton Professor on why the faculty's society debate was cancelled.

"Shouldn't somebody have taken care of that mess before the perspectives showed up?"

-John Reilly '95 commenting on the very expensive pice of "art" outside the Dean of the Faculty's Office.

"You live with him and you don't know what it means to catch crabs?!"

-Maryellen Stanton '94 to Jay Bonham '93, unfamiliar with the crew lingo of his roommate, Steve Reynolds '93.

"I love this time of year—we always make a killing!"

-Anonymous Hamilton Security Guard giving out tickets during Accepted Studens Overnight.

Features

Controversial Artwork Sparks Debate

CYNTHIA SATLOFF
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

"Hamilton should support new ideas... it's not a jewel box," said William Salzillo, director and curator of the Emerson Gallery. The college's most recent artistic acquisition, *Ying Yang Salt*, seems to convey new ideas, at the very least.

Funded by an unsolicited gift of $5,000 from Mrs. Ethel Kennedy Marran, mother of three Kirkland and Hamilton graduates and a supplementary anonymous donation, the wall drawing is the work of contemporary artist Jessica Diamond. Celebrated for her drawings and installations as well as her wall works, Diamond will be prominently featured in the 1991 version of the Whitney Biennial.

Installed two weeks ago

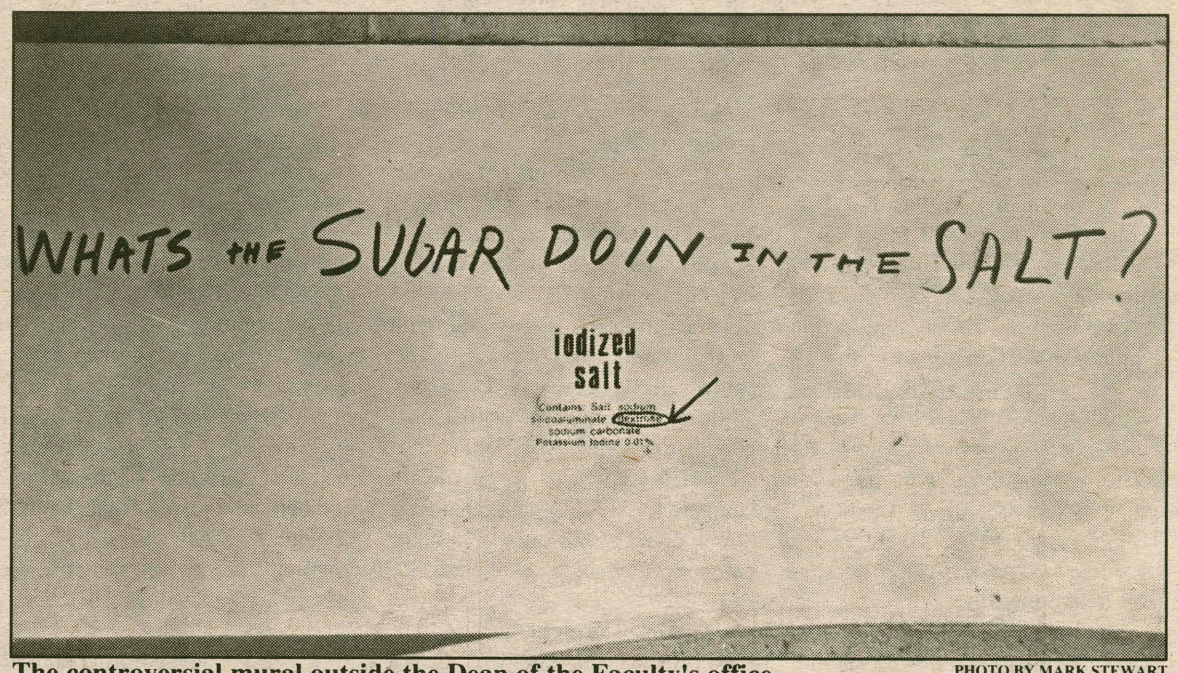
Selected by Salzillo and a subcommittee of the Committee on the Visual Arts, the piece represents Diamond's actual work, "not just a reflection of it," according to Salzillo. The work is truly Diamond's own; she installed it herself on April 13 and 14 with the help of Jeff Greene '91, David Reville '91, Alexandra Sax '93 and Adrienne Ruger '92. The students helped to select the site, and Greene assisted the artist in painting the work. Since its installation, the piece, displayed on a wall between McEwen Dining Hall and the Dean of the Faculty's office in the Kirner-Johnson Building, has aroused much interest on campus.

Only work on permanent display

The piece is the only work of art in Hamilton's art collection that is on permanent display. The college collects mostly prints due to a lack of permanent exhibition space; according to Salzillo, most of the college's artistic acquisitions are "put into a drawer" away from the viewing, and even the acknowledgement, of the college community.

"Involvement of [such] work is limited," expressed Salzillo. The format of *Ying Yang Salt*, Salzillo quipped, allows the piece to do "better than gathering dust." He stressed that the piece "raises questions that would be hard to raise in another format."

The enigmatic display has generated many questions and comments. These questions are an intrinsic part of the piece. "It's not an object. It's a concept," explained Salzillo, who is pleased with the attention the work has drawn since its rather sudden appearance. "It's supposed to spring up and make it's own impact."



The controversial mural outside the Dean of the Faculty's office. PHOTO BY MARK STEWART

The piece is part of the college's efforts to establish a historical context of women artists for its collection. According to Reville, *Ying Yang Salt* "fulfills the goal to have a real piece of work by a woman artist." He added that "it's really gutsy of Hamilton to have bought it. It's fantastic that we have it... a real coup."

Other recent acquisitions include *Solitude*, a nineteenth-century American print by Mary Nimmo Moran. More information about the college's collection may be obtained at the Emerson Gallery.

Professor Profile : Historian Maureen Miller

JON BLACKWELL
FEATURES STAFF WRITER

Before coming to Hamilton, Maureen Miller, Assistant Professor of History, had little experience at small, rural colleges. Born in Washington, D.C., Miller graduated from the American University, did graduate work at the Catholic University of America, and earned her doctorate at Harvard. "Having spent all my time in such large, urban colleges, I frankly didn't know what a small college really was," Miller said.

Wants to change evaluations

Although she has taught at Hamilton for less than two years, Miller has made a great impression on academic life. In faculty meetings over the past few weeks, Miller moved to abolish the present form of student evaluations of professors. Saying the present form of evaluations relies too much on number grading, Miller advocates experimenting with new styles of forms. "Most students seem not to realize how important their information is," she explained. Instead of grading professors by number, Miller's evaluation prefers more written explanation from the student.

A medieval specialist

An avid scholar of all Western history, Miller specializes in Medieval Europe. For the student course guide, Miller explained that her fall course in Medieval History would not concern dragons, princesses, and other fanciful lore. Instead, she analyzes the economic and social trends of Europe during what she calls "a critical period of European history."

"I was raised in a very religious Catholic family," said Miller, "and, as you might expect, I came to react against that religiosity." However, she retained great interest in the Roman Catholic Church and, for this reason, is a specialist in ecclesiastical history in the 11th and 12th centuries. She expects to complete the manuscript of her first book, *The Formation of a Church: Verona 950-1150*, this summer.

Traveled to Italy

Research for her study of the church has taken Miller to the Vatican Archive in Rome and many other archives in Italy. Although she enjoys traveling and sightseeing in Italy, Miller particularly delights in spending time in Italian libraries. Miller examined over 3000 documents for her book about the Veronese church, requiring that she learn Latin, Italian, French, and German. She explained that she enjoys research so much because "you can hold in your hands a document written by a person 1000 years ago, and be able to get some sense of what the author's personality was like."

Enjoys teaching

Miller enjoys teaching as much as research. "One of the things I like most about Hamilton," she says, "is that you can actually get to know people. In Harvard, students literally had to fight to get the professor's attention." Having taught in high schools in Washington, as well as at Catholic University and Harvard, Miller brings novel educational techniques to college. For her course in History 101 she had students play the board game *Axis & Allies* to appreciate the economic and industrial aspects of World War II.

Although her field is Western history, Miller believes students should also know about the histories of other cultures. To accomplish this, Miller supported the elimination of History 101, the required introduction to Western civilization. Miller is broadening her own courses in Medieval History to include early Islam and the Byzantine Empire.

A Red Sox fan

Miller's collection of relics and icons includes numerous baseball memorabilia. A Red Sox fan, she also pays frequent visits to Utica to see Blue Sox games. Above all, Miller is a fan of history. "What I love most about history is that I can learn so much about myself from studying people of the past," she said. "When those people didn't think twice about burning a heretic, I find that interesting. Certainly not acceptable, but interesting."

Maureen Miller, Assistant Professor of History. PHOTO BY ANGELA RYAN

This Week in Hamilton History

JON BLACKWELL
FEATURES STAFF WRITER

10 Years Ago

130 rising sophomores failed to obtain rooms at the housing lottery. It was the second consecutive lottery to exclude over 100 students.

A cable between Kirkland Dormitory and Minor Theater short-circuited, causing a power failure that plunged much of the Stryker campus into darkness for a week.

Hamilton baseball's Jim Rosettie pitched a no-hitter against Hartwick but they lost, 1-0. The only run of the game scored on four consecutive walks in the fourth inning.

25 Years Ago

The Ronettes failed to appear at the Sage Rink for a concert, prompting Hamilton's Social Committee to sue the "girl group" for breach of contract.

Students at Hobart College began a week-long demonstration and hunger strike for more student government.

100 Years Ago

The interior of the Chapel and several other buildings on campus were draped in black in mourning for the recently deceased college president, Henry Darling.

The *Hamilton Literary Monthly* listed the "vital statistics" of the graduating Class of 1891. The *Monthly* counted 11 Democrats, 10 Republicans, and 1 Prohibitionist; Included in the Class of '91 was Samuel Hopkins Adams, who would later become a popular novelist.

Appalachian Mountain Hike to Help ABC House

Richard Skinner
NEWS EDITOR

While other students toil at their summer jobs, Rob Gold '92 and Seth DuCharme '92 will be hiking 350 miles along the Appalachian Trail this summer to raise money for the Clinton/Mohawk Valley division of A Better Chance (ABC). Other Hamilton students and learning-disabled students from a Connecticut boarding school will join them for portions of the hike. Gold and DuCharme have formed an organization, *AT for ABCs*, to support their endeavor.

Gold and DuCharme plan to begin their hike on July 1 at the summit of Mount Washington in New Hampshire, which is the highest point in New England. They expect to finish the hike about six weeks later at Mount Katahdin, the highest point in Maine and the northern end of the 2000-mile Appalachian Trail, which begins in Georgia.

"What appeals to me most," DuCharme said, "is hiking the trail." Five or six other students will join them on the trail for a minimum of three days each. Lindsey Salerno '93, Lisa Sporte '92, Todd Parker '93, and Marlo Jenks '93 have already agreed to participate in the hike and others may do so later. Gold said that they plan to hike ten miles a day and stop once a week to replenish provisions at preplanned points.

Gold first conceived of the hike last summer when he was working as a U.S. Forest Service ranger in Washington State. He said he was inspired by a hometown friend who had done a similar trip. He discussed it with DuCharme, and they decided to dedicate it to ABC because, as Gold said, while they did not "have a personal connection to the ABC House, but wanted the proceeds to go toward education." He also stated that their "fundraising was concentrated locally, so we wanted it to benefit locally."

Gold will be in charge of most of the fundraising, according to DuCharme. Gold said, "We will be publicizing it more and trying to get pledges from the Hamilton community. All proceeds will go to the ABC House. We will be targeting the Hamilton community through mailings and dining-hall tables." Gold continued, "Then we will work in Utica and Clinton and get corporate sponsorship. We're still in the initial phase of targeting the Hamilton community before students leave for the summer."

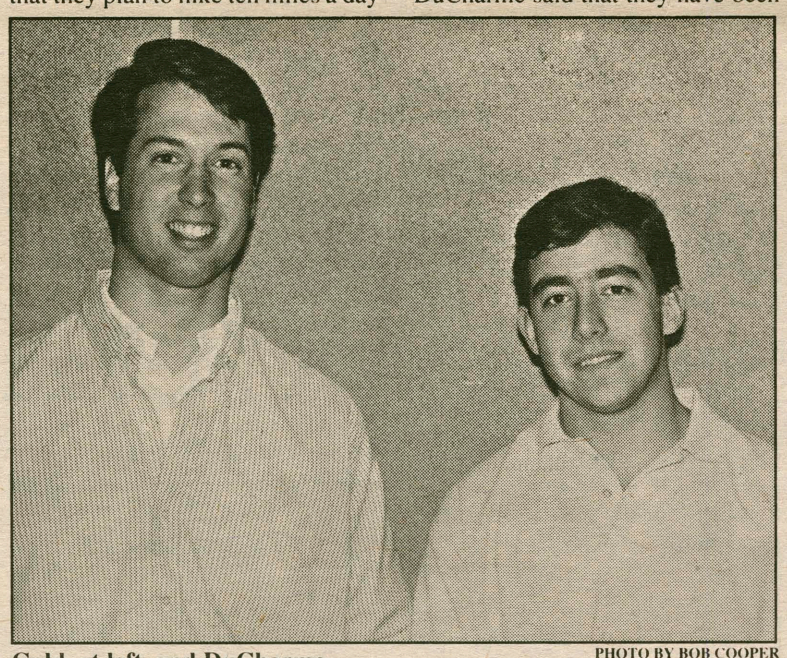
Gold remarked that he will ask *Eureka!*, a camping-equipment manufacturer in Binghamton, New York, to pledge money for the hike. DuCharme said that they have been working with Robin Kinnel, Professor of Chemistry and chief of fundraising for ABC, and that President Harry Payne and Daniel O'Leary, Vice President for Financial Affairs, have both been "very encouraging."

According to Gold, ABC "provides educational opportunity to exceptional high school students who are underprivileged in access to education." Hamilton students and faculty tutor the youngsters to "supplement their education." About 8 to 12 high school students from the area participate in ABC annually. The program is headquartered in a house directly across from the Theta Delta Chi house.

Gold, a resident of Binghamton, is concentrating in International and Comparative Political Studies and minoring in Economics. "Hiking is my main hobby," he said but he enjoys "all other outdoor activities," especially skiing and biking. He spent the last two summers working as a wilderness ranger for the U.S. Forest Service and hiking in the Rocky and Olympic Mountains. "I especially enjoy working with children and doing anything to help them out," he said. "I spend a lot of time working with children and tutoring them through HAVOC. Immediately after leaving school, I hope to join the Peace Corps," he remarked. He added, "I also have a strong interest in enviromental issues."

DuCharme hails from Brooklyn, Connecticut, a small town in the northeastern part of the state. He is an English major and a French minor. He is also President of Theta Delta Chi. He plans to go to graduate school and eventually teach English. He has hiked on the Appalachian Trail, in the Allagash Wilderness in northern Maine, and in Canada. "I really enjoy the outdoors," he remarked. "I usually spend three to four weeks in Maine, near Mount Katahdin."

DuCharme has been working with learning-disabled children for "about five years." He became involved when he took a tutorial at the Learning Clinic, a school in his town



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Gold, at left, and DuCharme.

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Mind Matters

by Mark Thompson, Counselor and Coordinator of Training and Programming

With two weeks remaining until exams, the time to complete the final papers, projects, and theses does not seem sufficient. If you find yourself in this boat you are probably in good company. As bad as this may seem, it could get worse. You could suffer from test anxiety.

According to a Hamilton College Manual entitled "How to Concentrate and Relax for Effective Test-Taking," test anxiety is a psychological phenomenon which adversely affects a student's thoughts, feelings, and behavior, resulting in below par academic performance.

Abnormal Psychology by Davison and Neal states that anxiety is "an unpleasant feeling of fear and apprehension accompanied by increased physiological arousal."

Anxiety need not always be a "bad" emotion to experience. Sometimes feeling anxious serves a positive purpose, motivating us to work harder and focus our concentration.

"The College Student's Health Guide" by Smith and Smith states that our performance may be somewhat enhanced when we experience reasonable levels of anxiety or stress. However, when that fear or apprehension becomes excessive, the outcome may prove disastrous. Test anxiety, taken to extremes, may result in poorer concentration due to distractability, procrastination, and panic.

Anxiety about being evaluated seems like a fairly reasonable response. If this is the case, how is it that some students manage their anxiety and demonstrate their knowledge and capabilities while others become paralyzed? The answer lies in the student's perception of the evaluation. Everyone wants to perform up to his or her capabilities, with the hope of receiving a good evaluaton.

Students with a reasonable level of anxiety don't let tension negatively influence their performance. Although they feel anxious, these students are able to stay "on task" and focus on things pertinent to the task at hand. Those suffering from irrational test anxiety allow their fears and apprehensions to become overwhelming. The anxiety these students experience result in their being "off task" or unable to do what is necessary. They develop negative expectations for the future, often based on past negative evaluations.

Many students expect that they will perform poorly because they have in the past. This anxiety usually falls into one of the following categories: worrying about performance; ruminating about negative consequences (others deciding that the student is "inferior" due to a poor grade); experiencing thoughts and feelings of inadequacy; becoming preoccupied with the physical manifestations of our anxious feelings; and spending excessive time ruminating over alternative answers.

What do you do to ensure that test anxiety does not become overwhelming? The first and most important suggestion is this: prepare yourself for the task adequately.

As you are preparing, visualize a successful performance on the exam. See yourself handling the material in a calm and confident fashion. Let go of the thing beyond your control, namely the reactions of others.

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Tips for Handling Exam Anxiety

Before the day of the exam

Maintain a good diet and exercise regularly. In addition, continue to pursue healthy recreational and social outlets. Staying out until dawn and consuming large quantities of alcohol during reading period would run counter to this notion. Pace yourself while studying, taking periodic breaks and varying your approach to studying (times, locations, etc.).

Avoid cramming and all-nighters. Get a good night of sleep prior to your exam. Finally, once prepared, relax. Do something fun; allow yourself to unwind through exercise, a movie, a meal off campus, or whatever else works for you.

The day of the exam

Most students benefit from starting the day with some type of meal. Avoid excessive caffeine if it gives you the "jitters." Spend time prior to the exam relaxing quietly and avoid last minute cramming — especially with loud and overly anxious classmates. Plan to arrive at the exam site early to get a good seat away from distractions.

Once the exam is in hand

Go through the entire exam. Read the directions twice, underlining the key words in the instructions. Work on the easiest questions first. For essay questions, create a short outline for yourself. With multiple choice questions, read all the options first. Then eliminate the choices that are obviously incorrect. If you aren't sure of the answer, go with your first guess. Consider questions with qualifying language (only, never, always) carefully.

Keep track of the time, check your watch periodically. Do not rush. If you find that you will be unable to finish, make sure you spend time on the questions with which you feel more confident.

When "irrational" anxiety sets in

If you find that you are becoming overly anxious, do not panic. The first step in avoiding panic is to recognize that your anxiety is starting to escalate. If possible, get up from your chair for a drink of water, a bathroom break, or to sharpen your pencil. The change of scenery might do the trick. You can also try closing your eyes and taking several slow deep breaths.

As you breathe, focus on inhaling and exhaling rather than the anxious thoughts. You may also want to engage in some internal "self talk" which will convince you to stay focused and "on task" rather than "off task" on non-related issues. Many students can minimize the "irrational anxiety" by visualizing the positive outcome that they have worked to achieve.

Student Workers Needed

Students wishing to work on Saturday or Sunday of Commencement Weekend, May 18-19, should contact Pat Zurakowski in Buttrick Hall at x4106.

Hamilton and George Watson's College: A Tradition of Reciprocal Excellence

STEPHANIE VAN ALLEN
FEATURES EDITOR

Since the early 1980s Hamilton has been taking part in a trans-Atlantic exchange that brings visiting students from George Watson's College in Scotland here for a year and sends graduating Hamilton students to Scotland to teach in an internship program.

Although the graduate internship program is relatively new, a Scottish student has been coming to Hamilton every year since the late 1950's. Watson's is, by Scottish standards, a large, coed private high school. Last year, about 200 students graduated, and around ten of those applied for the opportunity to come to Hamilton. The one chosen for the '90-91 year was Chris Small.

Small said that Doug Shaw '89, a Hamilton graduate teaching at his school, encouraged him to apply for the scholarship. "In some ways I thought it would be a very broadening experience. I had been in the same school for thirteen years and I wanted as big a change as possible. I'd heard it was a great experience, and I knew that my predecessors had gotten a lot out of it."

Small received scholarship money for school and to travel around the United States over the summer. He will only be here for one year, after which he will return to Scotland. Next year he will study English and Politics at the University of York in northern England. He applied there before leaving home last fall.

Although he takes regular classes, none of the credit will transfer to his college in England. Even though it is meant to be an academic experience, Small has found that "one of the best aspects of it is the extra-curricular activities I have had the opportunity to become involved with."

He has taken the time this year to devote himself to being on the staff of *The Spectator, Discourse, Red Weather, Roots in the Glen*, a member of the peer counseling service, and he has his own late-night radio show entitled "Haggis (minced sheep guts served in a steaming stomach skin bag), Tatties (potatoes), and Neeps (turnips)," named after a traditional Scottish meal.

This summer Small plans to travel to New York City, Colorado, Atlanta, Boston, and Connecticut. He will go by himself but will be staying with friends he has met here. Although he knew that the program would only be for one year, he said, "I would very much like to stay."

Watson's has been sending a student over since the 1950s, but at the start of 1980s, a reciprocal exchange was started. Hamilton sends graduated seniors to Scotland to teach at the high school the students come from. This year two seniors have been chosen for the program.

Tracey Turnbull '91 and Rebecca Dodge '91 will both be going to Edinburgh next year. Turnbull will be in Small's old school, while Dodge will be at Saint George's, an all-girls school. Turnbull said that they will probably be teaching certain sections on a topic, but "I probably won't have my own classes."

Turnbull said that she will probably also be working in the dorms, and coaching field hockey and lacrosse, although the school has not yet notified her of what her exact duties will be. They found out they were accepted only four weeks ago, and are not expecting to hear from their schools until right before they leave.

The program is helpful for the graduates because it gives them a chance to find out if they would really like to be teachers. "It's a good base to see if you are suited to it," Turnbull said.

DuCharme and Gold to Lead Hike

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for learning-disabled children. He tutors the children in English and French. At the Learning Clinic, he has also worked as an assistant teacher, supervising students who have attention deficits. These students take classes with six or fewer children.

"One of the most encouraging things about it," DuCharme explained, " is when I work with kids, it takes all the labels [of learning-disabled or emotionally disturbed] off." He said working with the children gives him "a different perspective on education." "It's a big difference between being in the Hub with everyone is bitching about how much work they have," he commented, "and being with kids who are really trying to overcome some real obstacles." He noted that these students have not performed up to their potential in public school and many have emotional problems. Many are boarding students who need to be in "an environment more conducive to study."

DuCharme leads students from the Learning Clinic on hiking, canoeing, and fishing trips in Maine during summers. Students who behave well at school are rewarded by being allowed to go on these trips. He said they have "a great time." Four to six students, aged 12 to 17, from the school will join Gold and DuCharme on the hike for "about a week" and will learn wilderness ethics and outdoor skills.

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THE DOCTORS WERE COOL, MAN. THEY SAID I COULD GO HOME WITH MY UNIT!
YOU CAN'T BELIEVE THE JOB THEY DID, MAN. THEY COMPLETELY RECONSTRUCTED MY KNEE AND ANKLE! THEY EVEN SPLICED MY TENDONS BACK TOGETHER!
4-22
WHAT ABOUT YOUR HAIR? COULDN'T THEY FIX YOUR HAIR?
I DIDN'T MISS YOU, MAN. NOT AT ALL!
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SO HOW'D ALL THE WEAPON SYSTEMS HOLD UP IN BATTLE, MAN? GOOD AS THEY SAY?
EVEN BETTER. THE INFRARED SIGHTING WAS AWESOME. THE BRADLEYS TOOK HITS AND SURVIVED. THE HUMVEES NEVER BROKE DOWN. IT WAS A TRIUMPH RIGHT ACROSS THE BOARD.
4-23
HOW'D THE SMFX PERFORM?
THE WHAT?
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THE SHOULDER-MOUNTED FIELD FAX.
OH, GOOD, GOOD. EXCEPT WE RAN OUT OF PAPER SHORT OF THE EUPHRATES.
THE UNIT DID GOOD, RAY. YOU'D HAVE BEEN PROUD. WE KILLED TANKS OVER A MILE AND A HALF AWAY, AT NIGHT— TANKS THAT NEVER SAW US! AFTER ALL THE BUILD-UP, IT WAS A MAJOR HIGH!
FOR A WHILE, ANYWAYS, THEN THE ENGINEERS STARTED COMING BACK AND TELLING US ABOUT THE THOUSANDS OF BODIES THEY WERE BURYING WITH BULLDOZERS. THOUSANDS! I DUNNO, IT JUST MADE ME FEEL KINDA SICK...
4-24
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HEY, HEAR ABOUT NANCY REAGAN AND SINATRA?
YEAH. ONE OF THE REFUGEES TOLD ME.
SIR? NEW ORDERS JUST CAME IN...
WE FINALLY BEING PULLED OUT?
4-25
YES, SIR! IN TWO DAYS!
GOOD. WE DON'T BELONG IN THE REFUGEE PROCESSING BUSINESS...
THE MEN ARE SO STRESSED NOW, THEY'RE REALLY STARTING TO TUNE OUT...
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NO KIDDING? THEY REALLY DID IT IN THE OVAL OFFICE?
YEAH. AND SHE APPARENTLY USED A HAIRBRUSH!
AT EASE, MEN!
GOT SOME NEWS FOR YOU! WE'RE PACKING UP! IT'S TIME TO HEAD HOME!
4-26
HOME? WE'RE GOING HOME?
AT 0400 THURSDAY! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT?
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WHOO-EE!
PERMISSION TO KISS YOU ON THE MOUTH, SIR!
DENIED! I'LL COURT-MARTIAL YOU! I SWEAR IT!
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KNOW WHAT I'M THINKING ABOUT TODAY, FOLKS? I'M THINKING ABOUT THE STEAK AND SHRIMP DINNER I'LL BE WASHING DOWN WITH A SIX-PACK OF ICE-COLD BREWSKIS NEXT WEEK...
4-27
WHILE YOU'RE FIGHTING OVER SCRAPS OF RELIEF SUPPLIES, I'LL BE SITTING WITH MY WOMAN IN OUR MALIBU JACUZZI, SIPPING MARGARITAS AND SCARFING UP DOVE BARS!
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THANK GOD YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ME.
WHY? SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.
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Personals

Farewell to all the Hamilton College Crew Seniors: Julie, Pete, Evan, Tommy, Whit, Caitlin and Charlie-
Thanks for everything-we really appreciate it. Good luck & Let's go Blue!
-The Crew Team

Jenn-
Happy 19 birthday. One down, two to go.
Love-
Chrissie, Alison & Maryellen

Nifa-
Don't stress me. That's not my style. Does it ring a bell?
-Telly

Liene-
It's been so long since we've philosophized together. Be my bag of bones!
Love-
MM

Jane-
My mother makes great sauce. I make the noodles. Gotta do a plwedge task, stay sexy!
-Guido

JR-
I blush, you spill your ice cream...isn't that a sign of something? Ouvre tes yeux et tu verras.
-Victoria

Elisa Cho-
Be my lucky star. Justify my love. Come on girl, do you believe in love? I'm going boarderline! If you don't call me, I'll lose my mind!
-Your Secret Admirer

J.V. (hoops) #30-
You already know I think you're gorgeous, but what you may not know is that I think your character contains a certain beauty few men possess. Until next year...

Rachel-
Come shock the angel inside of me. Your lipstick looks hot. Let's get together and exist. Let me see you stretch your sweet anatomy.
Love-
A Fan

Morgan Lee-
Let me be your protein!
-A meat-eater in Milbank

Sang Mi-
I keep seeing you stare at me in the music practice rooms, I hear you sing. You're so talented, and beautiful. But if you're not interested, I'll take your friendship.
-Your Tall Trumpeter

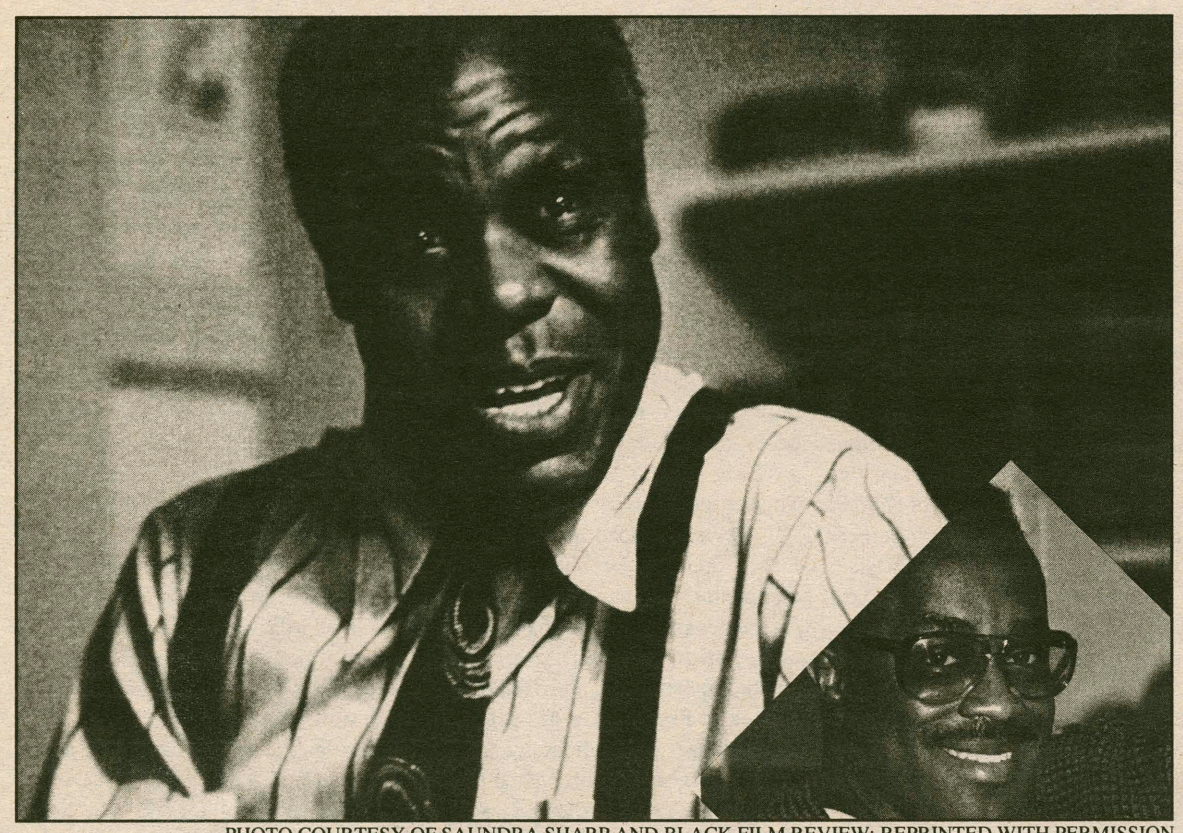
Percy-
What in the world would I do without you?! True friends are hard to come by (especially ones with baggy pants). Thanks for being you. Love ya Buddy!
-Pam

Thank you, to the members of the class of 1992, for the lovely flowers given to all the staff members.
-from the Staff Council on behalf of the Staff

Bunion-
i don't c u putzing and being silly that much anymore. i look 4ward to your sr. project more than any1, but don't let it domin8 u. hope the weekend goes well. ur a blessing to us all.
-Eyes

s.b.-
so close yet so far away, so right but so wrong...so far so good...so what?
-the hand holder

Arts & Entertainment



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Danny Glover as the mysterious Harry Mention in Charles Burnett's *To Sleep With Anger*; inset filmmaker Charles Burnett.

Free Films Scheduled Throughout Week

Charles Burnett's *To Sleep With Anger* to Conclude Film Course

CHARLES PERRY
A&E EDITOR

First of all, the Foreign and Fine Film Society's presentation of 1985's Amadeus *has been cancelled. FFFS has taken a break and will return next week with Walt Disney's* Peter Pan. *But that does not mean that there are not some fine films being shown this week.*

This weekend, the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Student Alliance (in sponsoring their Celebrate Sexuality Weekend) will be showing several powerful major motion pictures including Desert Hearts, Longtime Companion *and* Another Country.

In addition, Professor Austin Brigg's course "The Art of Cinema" will be concluding their schedule with Steven Soderburgh's sex, lies and videotape *and Charles Burnett's* To Sleep with Anger *(starring Danny Glover).*

All of these films are free to the Hamilton community. Check Hamilton Weekly Events *for times and places.*

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Charles Burnett is probably one of America's most underrated filmmakers. His films are far more complex than most films coming out of Hollywood this year. Compared to other African-American directors such as Spike Lee or Mario Van Peebles, Burnett's films seem a great deal "quieter" than the much of today's black cinema.

For example, Bill Duke's *A Rage In Harlem*, which will be released nationwide today, is getting a lot of publicity because of its title, heated script, and starring actress (Robin Givens). Duke comments, "If you are black and a filmmaker, your film gets attention if it sounds at all controversial."

For some reason, however, Burnett has escaped this controversy but has none-the-less gained attention. His 1990 film, *To Sleep with Anger*, was elected to the 1990 New York Film Festival with a budget that barely exceeded one million dollars. The film stars Danny Glover, Mary Alice and Carl Lumbly. The film, Burnett's third feature, was shot in Los Angeles in 28 days with a non-union crew.

This remarkable film effort will be playing this week as a part of "The Art of Cinema" course, and will be the first showing of the film in the Utica area.

Burnett's 1977 film *Killer of Sheep* is one of 50 films elected so far for preservation by the Library of Congress. In other words, out of all the films that have been made in the United States, *Killer of Sheep* is thought to be important enough to go through the delicate process of film preservation. The film, which has

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Modern Music Rings True to Form

MARC RUXIN
A&E STAFF WRITER

Music Notebook

The other day, I overheard someone say that "only original things can be truly brilliant." As I walked away, I couldn't help pondering this statement, only to conclude that in a historical context this statement is an undeniable falsity. Take the French impressionist painters, they were creating at the same time, socializing in the same circles and were undoubtedly exposed to one another's art. From this central idea and theme, each artist extracted a unique interpretation, leaving Van Gogh, Monet, and Matisse equally innovative and revolutionary. In the same breath, what would John Stuart Mill have to say without having read Locke or Rousseau? How would John Updike view the world, without having read Hemmingway or Mark Twain?

Modern Music is yet an another example of this theory. The interpretation and adaptation of traditional rhythms and melodies are exactly how alternative music has been able to evolve so rapidly over the past twenty years. The other day, three rather non-descript albums were delivered to my doorstep. None of them were exceptional or groundbreaking in substance, but each album managed to capitalize on subtly detailed alterations.

The first of these albums is the 1986-89 singles compilation, from Britain's *14 Iced Bears*. The sounds created by this aspiring young band echoe many of today's alternative music giants. Driven by a raging guitar and methodical drum beats, the first three tunes acknowledge the style and indisputable influence of Glascow's The Wedding Present, and Liverpool's Mighty Lemon Drops. These songs forge ahead with a steady mesmerizing instrumental tone, combined with the same muffled vocals, emblematic of the two British bands.

Precision, the Bears first full length album, highlights each stage of their brief three year career. On the song "Cut," we can hear vocals reminiscent of Morrissey's soft and nostalgic voice. "The Balloon Song" reverts back to the pummeling guitar blasts and Cockney British accents that characterize their lyrical content. This album is a celebration of musical grafting, emphasizing the

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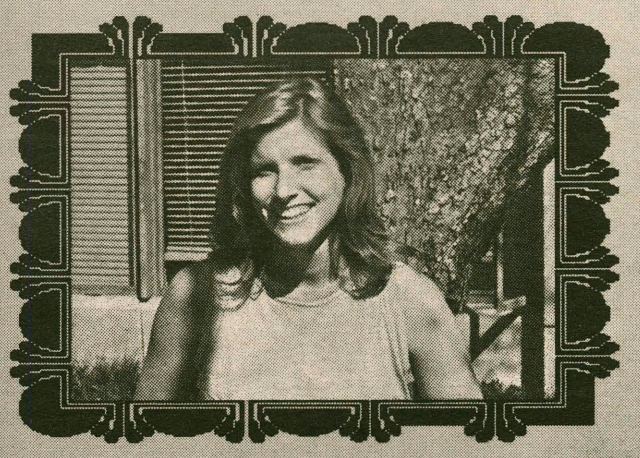
*Art*icle Pick



"Dumb, dumb, stupid, dumb."

Jodi Diana Ward '91 is this week's honored and esteemed *art*icle pick. Jodi is a psychology major who discovered art in her junior year and decided to minor in it. An aspiring studio potter, Jodi has completed one independent study in nonfunctional (decorative) pottery, and is currently working on a second in functional pottery. When she completes the study, Jodi hopes to sell some of her work. On campus Jodi works on her thesis, and in her spare time, does volunteer work at the Early Learning Center in Oneida for developmentally delayed children.

Likes: mint chocolate chip ice-cream, down comforters, sunny days, rainy days, the ledge outside the suites in Milbank, the ocean, nice views, trees, goats

Dislikes: making decisions, her thesis, coffee without milk and sugar, Professor Stritmater, dirty rooms, lack of money, land locked states, strange men in her room, people who stare through windows

Favorite Potters: Lucie Rie, Michael Cardew, the Korean Potters

Evil things she did as a child: bit her sister, instigated her sister into using a word that rhymed with truck, put thermometers in the wood stove and played with the mercury after they blew up

Things she likes that she won't admit to: Buffalo bills, dogs, Queensryche, working on her thesis

Things she has stolen: giant sugar dispensers at restaurants, light switch covers, every poster in her room

Cars she would like to own: big chevy pick-up, jeep for four wheelin', Jaguar, Porshe, Mustang…any damn car that anyone will giver her to replace her '73 blue beast

GLBSA Celebrates Sexuality

On the heals of another successful Womyn's Energy Weekend, the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Student Alliance in conjunction with other campus organizations is sponsoring "The GLBSA Weekend." Centering around the idea of "celebrate sexuality," the group has organized film showings, speakers, a BBQ, an open mike and a dance party. T-shirts and posters are also on sale.

Friday:

4 p.m.: Film/*Desert Hearts*/ Kirner-Johnson Auditorium

7 p.m.: Keynote Speaker/ Christine Martin / *Identity & Language: A Survery of Hot Bitch Dykes and Fierce Queer Fags*/ Red Pit

Saturday:

3 p.m.: Film / *Another Country* / K. J. Auditorium

5 p.m.: Barbecue and Open Mike / McEwen Circle

11 p.m.: Dance Party / Coffeehouse

Sunday:

1 p.m.: Film / *Longtime Companion* / KJ Auditorium / A discussion with AIDS Task Force to follow.

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juiciest bits of Britain's independent scene.

Next we'll travel back across the Atlantic to Newport, Rhode Island to the home and studio for the latest album by Johanna's House Of Glamour. This album sounds suspiciously similar to beantown's own Galaxie 500. That is, this group too, attempts to create a silence out of music. On their album *farewell street*, a unique style combines with a minimalist instrumental sound which has the desparate and hollow tone of singing.

This eastern trio utilizes the same drums, keyboard, bass, and guitar format as Galaxie 500. In both of these bands, the singers have mastered the art of using their voices as instruments, not merely as linguistic communication devices. "Fell Into You" is as soft and gentle as anything you'll hear—excluding classical masterpieces. "Do You Hear When I Dream" is probably the albums best tune; it features the vocals of all three members, the periodic beat of a tamborine, and a sytar sounding guitar. Johanna's House Of Glamour has also mastered the art of tactful adaptation, leaning on the old and bringing in the new.

The one piece of music delivered to me on CD was the new effort by Baltimore's Mercury Rev, entitled *Yerself Is Steam*. The music of this album is grounded in harmonious acoustic chords, fused with dreamy synthesized manipulations, and is reminscent of the music Spaceman 3, in its full sounding synthetic technique. This is the closest one can get to pinpointing the influences of this cosmic dream simulation.

Lyrically this album is sparse, usually ignited by a few soft utterances which quietly fade into a blanket of extended instrummental riffs. "Frittering," at almost nine minutes, is the second longest of the eight songs. It is an eerie and beautiful combination of the sight and sound experience, luring the listener into the hazy world of the imagination. Tracks like "Sweet Oddysee of a Cancer Cell to the Center of Yer Heart" seem to explain themself, the frightening voyage to the center of the infested soul. This album, although far less accessible, unveils a new page in the alternative repetoire.

These three bands are just a few of the examples of the depth and range of today's college music scene. They have succeeded where many young bands have failed, by creating a colorful collage of musical trademarks, carefully chosen to push forward the limits of the rapidly moving music world.

Dance Concert:
Asian Performers Bring Culture to Chapel

Anchal Jain
Special to A&E

The Asian Cultural Society is sponsoring the performance of three Asian dancers on Friday, Apr. 26 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. The three dancers come from three different regions of Asia: Du-Yee Chang will be performing three forms of Korean dancing; Jayanti Gupte will be performing Bharata Natyam (a classical Indian dance); and Tjokorda Gde Arsa Artha will be performing Balinese dance. The three dancers have become very popular in New York City recently—gaining acclaim from *The New York Times* and *The Village Voice*.

Du-Yee Chang will be performing three different pieces. The first one is from the Korean Shaman dance. The Korean Shaman dance originated more than 3,000 years ago. He will be performing the Jin Swe dance in which he will be taking on the roles of villagers praying to God for peace to prevail.

The next dance, Yang Joo Mask Dance, is a comedy where a student is criticizing his master. And the second, Young Kam Dance is a poignant story of a husband and wife who are separated during a war.

Du-Yee Chang is a ballet and a modern dancer. He also has a third degree in the black belt. He is not only a dancer, but an actor, composer and choreographer also. In 1978, he formed AL Dance Theater Sounds with Ms. Iris Park.

He has danced with the Koo Dance and Soojka Shaman dance companies. He has choreographed for theater and dance companies such as the Pan-Asian Rep.Theater, Theater for the New City, and Theater do Scenes in France. He has acted in many thetaer productions including Andrei Servan's *Fragments of A Greek Trilogy*, Elizabeth Swados' *OH! Jerusalem* and Mohammad Ghaffari's *Moses and the Wandering Dervish*.

Jayanti Gupte will be performing Bharata Natyam, a dance form that originated thousands of years ago. Young women performed the dance as an act of devotion before deities in Hindu temples. Later this extraordinary art form was kept alive by the patronage of various kings and princes.

Jayanti Gupte has been taught by an acclaimed teacher in India, Guru Kalyansundaram. She has performed world-wide in places such as New York City, Nairobi, and Morocco. She performed for many international cultural festivals in world capitals. She also performs to promote the culture of India and works for the India Tourist Office. Presently, she is a newscaster for an Indian Television based in New York.

Tjokorda Gde Arsa Artha will be performing two pieces. In the first piece, he will be portraying a holy man walking in the *hsi* village.
Tjokorda Gde Arsa Artha is a Balinese masked dancer. He has been dancing since childhood. He has studied with the greatest masked dancers, Djimat and Kantor. He is particularly known for his interpretation of Hanuman (the monkey king) and other Topeng (masked dance) characters. Gde Artha came to the United States in 1982 to perform and study painting.

He will be performing two dances, one of which is Topeng Kua.

Oratorio Society:
Singers Conclude Year

Rebecca Downing
Special to A&E

On Tuesday, April 30 at 8:30 p.m., the Hamilton College and Community Oratorio Society and Orchestra, directed by Associate Professor of Music G. Roberts Kolb, will give their spring concert.

Slated for the program, which commemorates the 200th anniversary of the death of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, are his *Mass in C Minor*, K. 427, and *Vesperae de Dominica*, K. 321.

The works will feature soloists Lauralyn Kolb, soprano, Martha Sutter, mezzo-soprano, Raymond Larzalere, tenor, and Donald Boothman, baritone.

Mozart suggests in a letter of January 4, 1783, that he was writing his *Mass in C Minor* as a thanksgiving from his marriage to Constanze. This large-scale "cantata mass" was never finished. While the Kyrie and Gloria are complete, the work contains only the first part of the Credo; the Sanctus and Benedictus are "reconstructable," and no Agnus Dei appears.

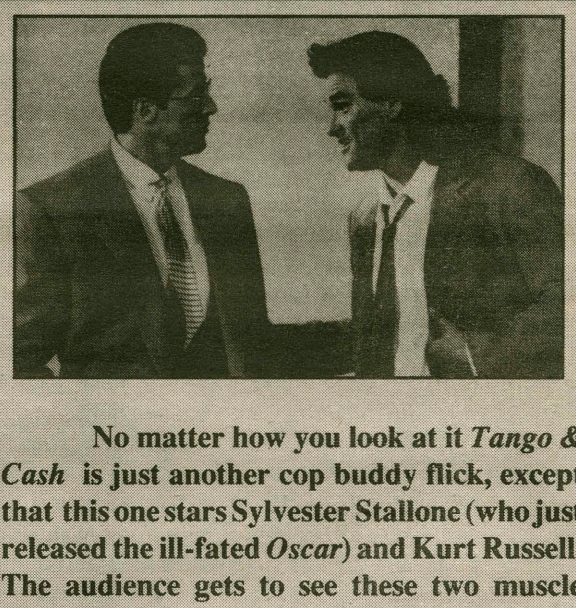
The unfinished version was performed in Salzburg under Mozart's direction, with Constanze singing one of the soprano solos.

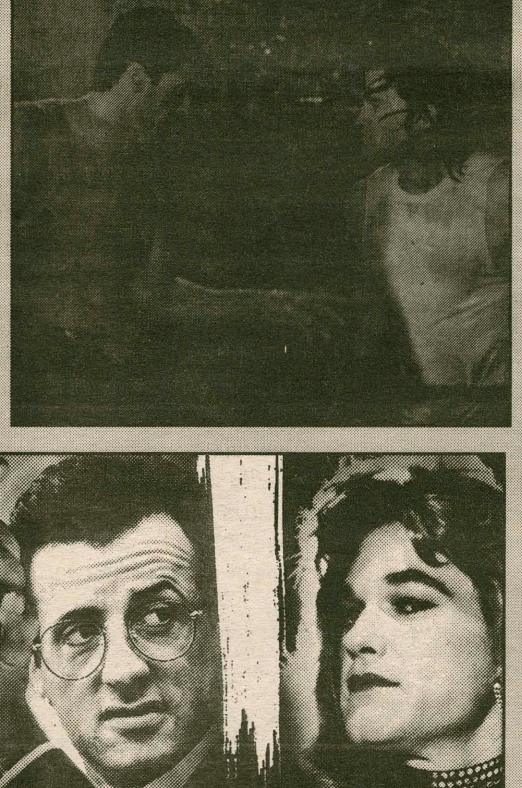
The *Vesperae de Dominica*, which is the lesser-known of Mozart's two complete sets of Vespers psalms, dates from 1779.

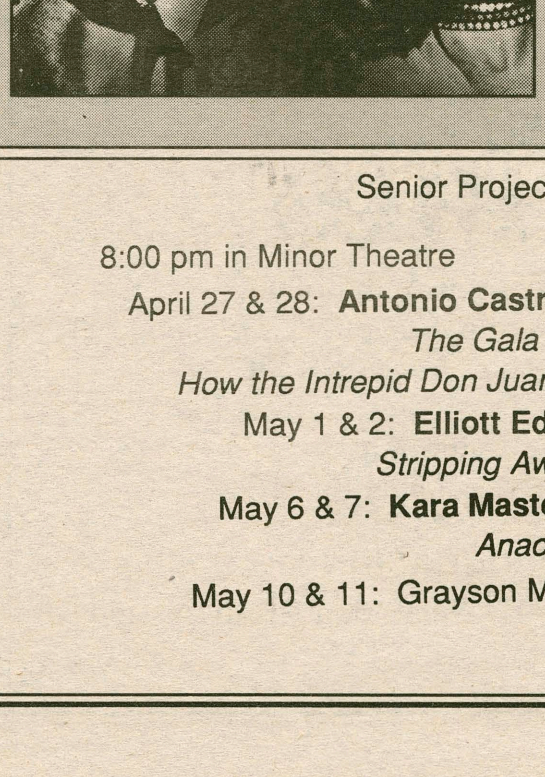
Noted musicologist and Mozart scholar Alfred Einstein wrote of the Vespers, "Anyone who does not know such settings does not know Mozart."

The concert will be held in Wellin Hall. No admission will be charged. Further information about the concert may be obtained by calling 859-4331.

Tango, But No Cash







No matter how you look at it *Tango & Cash* is just another cop buddy flick, except that this one stars Sylvester Stallone (who just released the ill-fated *Oscar*) and Kurt Russell. The audience gets to see these two muscle heads dress up like women and take on urban criminals.

The film did not prove to be such a blockbuster like other buddy flicks such as *Leathel Weapon* or *48 Hours*.

All in all, the film can be fun and enjoyable if not taken too seriously. Look for A&E Editor Don Rogers in cameo appearance as an extra.

***Tango & Cash* plays as a part of the Samuel Kirkland Film Society Series. Admission is $1.**

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May 1 & 2: **Elliott Eddie's** performance of
Stripping Away the Mask

May 6 & 7: **Kara Master's** dance performance
Anachropy

May 10 & 11: Grayson McCouch's in Strindberg's
Miss Julie

Lifchitz Lectures on Latin American Music As Part of New Music Festival

Rebecca Downing
A&E Staff Writer

On Saturday, April 27, the Festival of New Music will continue, beginning with Max Lifchitz's presentation entitled "New Music in Latin America" at 10 a.m. in Schambach room 201.

Latin America, commonly portrayed as a source of political and economic turbulence, enjoys a highly diverse cultural life and a rich musical culture.

Hoping to shed some light on what is musically current in that part of the world, the lecture/performance will focus on six living composers representing different geographical locations and various aesthetic viewpoints.

On Saturday at 3 p.m. in Wellin Hall, Marvin Johnson's *Miniatures for computer* for tape, Ernest Mannix's *Years Beginning* and *Years End* for tape will be presented.

The Hamilton College Choir (directed by Associate Professor of Music G. Roberts Kolb) and the Syracuse Society for New Music will give a concert of works by Louis Angelini (*Four Pieces for Violin*), Phillip Schroeder (*Thoughts and Perfections*), Charles Bestor (*Four Love Songs*), and Richard Brooks (*Rhapsody* for violin and piano).

Again on Saturday in Wellin Hall, at 8 p.m., the Hamilton College Ensemble for New Music, directed by Associate Professor of Music E. Michael Richards, will perform pieces by Anthony Lis (*Bird on a Briar* for violin, clarinet, viola, 'cello and piano), Joelle Wallach (*Experiences of Women* for soprano and piano), Brian Fennelly (*Canzona* for clarinet, violin, viola, 'cello and piano), Greg Steinke (*Rudimentalis* for solo percussion), Elizabeth Bell (*Perne in a Gyre* for clarinet, violin 'cello, and piano), and Associate Professor of Music at Hamilton Samuel Pellman.

Music scholar, Max Lifchitz.

Pellman, a teacher of music theory, composition and electronic music, earned degrees from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and Cornell University.

Among his awards in composition is the second prize in the 1983 Composers' Competition of the National Association of Composers, U.S.A. His work to be performed on Saturday, *Night of a Great* and *Unreturning Day*, is based upon the poem "Final Autumn" by Josephine W. Johnson. The piece features electronic sounds produced by Yamaha synthesizers and an Ensoniq sound sampler, clarinet and prepared piano.

On Sunday, April 28 at 12 noon in Dwight Lounge of the Bristol Campus Center, the festival will end with a Sunday Brunch, followed by a musical program.

Works to be performed are E. Michael Richards's *mike-ro-tunes* for solo clarinet, Andrew Waggoner and Paul Brantley's *Improvisations* for violin and 'cello, Janice Macaulay's *Tuba Contra Mundum* for solo tuba, Margaret DeWys's *Atem* for solo clarinet, and Walter Winslow's *Sette Bagatelle di Primavera* for solo flute.

All of these intriguing activities are free of charge. More information may be obtained at 859-4331.

McLeans Mix It Up

Rebecca Downing
A&E Staff Writer

On Sunday, April 28 at 3 p.m., the final concert of "The Different Series" at Hamilton College will feature McLean Mix.

This internationally recognized husband-wife-composing-performing duo will be of special interest to all who are fascinated by music that incorporates nature, the supernatural, myths, and to those who are intrigued by digital and analog music equipment and experimental acoustic instruments. One part of the event will provide the opportunity for the audience to perform on various computer and acoustic instruments.

Barton and Priscilla McLean, hailing from Petersburg, N.Y., are classically trained composers who now explore ways of directly using the above themes as compositional sources. Their concert program, *Gods, Demons, and the Earth*, combines the latest in new music technology, with subjects ranging from the environment to mythology. The virtuosic performers use difficult vocal techniques, humorous theater pieces, ethereal sounds of the rainforest, glacial rocks and other tones of the earth interwoven with digitally processed improvisation. They also use visual and magical effects in their presentation.

Of a McLean Mix concert, Musical America stated, "The McLeans' music has an immediate appeal by virtue of its colorful, impressionistic textures, poetic texts, and abundance of concrete sounds." *Keyboard*, in a recent feature article, points out that "The McLeans may be leading the way toward whatever lies beyond with their powerful organic/synthetic sound mixes, and unorthodox...concept." McLean Mix has also received kudos from such publications as *In Wilderness*, *Ear*, *The Village Voice*, and *The New York Times*.

Unlike many classical computer music composer-performers, the McLeans manage to have prosperous careers without the benefit of any other full-time position, surviving principally on their music. To this end, McLean Mix has performed extensively throughout the U.S. and in a number of European countries in such forums as the Zagreb International Muzicki Biennale. In addition, they have just returned from an eight-concert tour of the South Pacific.

Recipients of six NEA grants, the act has performed in most of the major music festivals of the world, including Warsaw Autumn, Graz, Bourges, and Gaudeamus. They have a total of fourteen commercially available recordings on the labels Folkways, C.R.I., Louisville Orchestra, Orion, Opus One, Advance, Centaur, and M.L.C. They have both taught in major universities, including the University of Hawaii, University of Texas, Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute, and Indiana University.

The concert will be held in Wellin Hall. More information can be obtained at 859-4331.

Every issue of the Arts and Entertainment section of *The Spectator* is prepared weeks in advance. The editors try to cover every on-campus event by looking through campus calenders and keeping an eye open for upcoming events. This semester, everything that has been submitted by a campus organization has been printed. No article has ever been denied publication. All we need is basic information about the event in order to assign the piece to a staff writer. Anyone interested in having an event profiled in the A&E section should call Charles Perry or Don Rogers at 859-1367 or contact them through campus mail.

Last Minute Attraction:

Elliot Eddie's performance of *Stripping Away the Mask* will be presented in Minor Theatre on May 1& 2 at 8 p.m. Admission is free. The performance deals with how (Eddie reports) "Afro-Americans have a set of experiences that defines them as a separate people, and yet these same experiences are often universal in some form."

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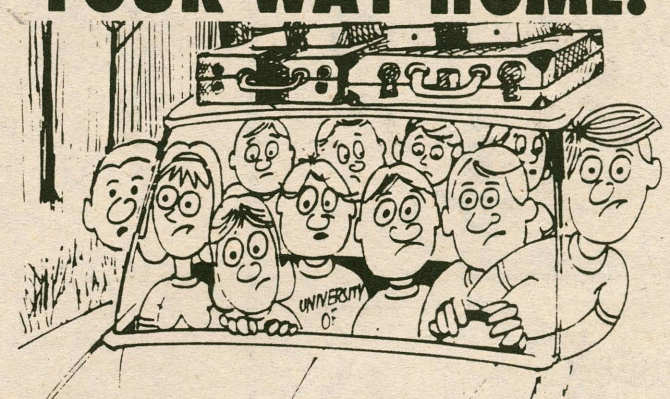

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never had a major commercial distribution run, deals with the ghetto life of a young black family. Although the film's low-budget status kept it from gaining initial acclaim, over the years the film has collected over a dozen major international film prizes.

To Sleep With Anger again deals with "the Black family. And what happens when Danny Glover's character drops in on the family of his long-time buddy, Gideon [Paul Butler]." As Burnett reports in a *Village Voice* interview, "The Black family has always been in crisis because it's always attacked. It's always being 'saved' by someone from outside, some social worker, or social program, not a person of color."

He continues, "When I grew up, everyone told jokes and stories. It isn't that way anymore. Having stories when you're a kid, orgainizing perception in symbolic ways, is so important."

Like in *Killer of Sheep*, *To Sleep with Anger* uses subtantial visual energy to convey the story. Burnett weaves his scenes together by using interesting intercutting and sound mixes. Each scene moves into the next with great ease, and it is obvious that he takes great time in making each scene contribute to the whole picture. Nothing is simply put into his pictures without a reason.

Unfortunately, the film did not do too well commercially. Although the film recieved strong reviews from critics, the film played exclusively in small urban theatres.

Each week, it seems that there is at least one film that should not be missed. This week, it is *To Sleep With Anger*.

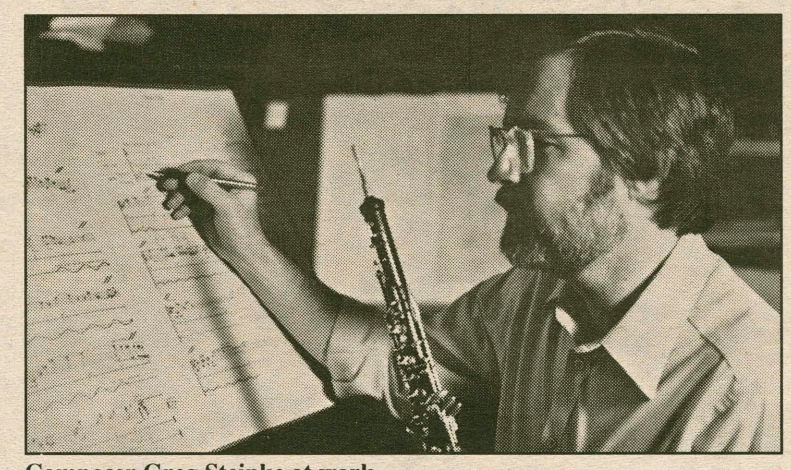
1991 Festival of New Music Concludes:

Steinke Presents New Ideas on Percussion Composition

Rebecca Downing
A&E Staff Writer

Friday, April 26 will mark the commencement of the Department of Music's Spring 1991 Festival of New Music, presented in conjunction with the Conference of Region II of the Society of Composers.

This three-day festival will begin on Friday at 4 p.m. in Schambach room 201 with a presentation by Greg Steinke entitled "The Percussive Composer." The lecture will explore how composers might more easily conceptualize their use of percussion in the compositional process in writing for percussion alone and for percussion with instruments and voices.



Composer Greg Steinke at work.

Steinke, a Professor of Music in composition and oboe, and the Assistane Director of the School of Music at the University of Arizona in Tucson, hails from Michigan. He has earned his degrees from Oberlin Conservatory, Michigan State University, and the University of Iowa, and has recieved awards from the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs, BMI, and ASCAP. Steinke is active as a composer of chamber and large ensemble music, with more than a dozen published works, and as an oboe soloist, specializing in contemporary music for oboe. He is currently President of the Society of Composers, Inc.

On Friday at 8 p.m., in Wellin Hall, the North/South Consonance, directed by Max Lifchitz, will give a concert. On the program are Raoul Pleskow's *Intrada* for flute, clarinet, violin and 'cello; Irwin Swack's *Burlesques* for flute and clarinet; Ulf Grahn's *Nocturne* for violin, 'cello, piano and tape; *Duos* for violin and 'cello by Nancy Laird Chance; *Windhover* for flute by Hilary Tann; and *Yellow Ribbons No. 30* for flute, clarinet, violin, 'cello and piano by Max Lifchitz.

The North/South Consonance is a non-profit organization devoted to the promotion and performance of music by American and Latin American composers. Founded by Lifchitz in 1980, the group presents an average of ten programs each season, at performance spaces throughout the New York metropolitan area. Some of the artists who have collaborated with the North/South Consonance Ensemble include Jack Beeson, Victoria Bond, Robert Dick, Otto Luening, and Bertram Turetzky.

Lifchitz, a graduate of The Juilliard School and Harvard University, has received grants from the ASCAP, Ford and Guggenheim Foundations, Meet the Composer, Inc., New York State's CAPS Program, and from the National Endowment for the Arts. His works are frequently performed throughout the U.S., Latin America and Europe, and are available on the CRI, Finnadar, and Opus One record labels.

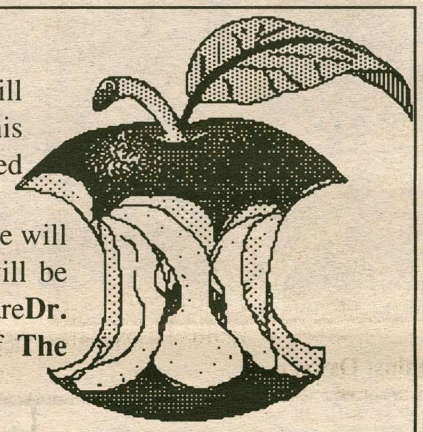
The Society of Composers, a non-profit organization, offers contemporary composers a series of regional conferences, a channel for networking and making professional contacts, publishing and recording opportunities, and a source of information through regular issues of the SCI Newsletter.

There is no admission charge for the festival. Further information may be obtained by calling 859-4331.

Springfest 1991

On Class and Charter Day, the whole school will probably converge on Minor Field. Weather permitting, this year's activities should top last year's big event which hosted the now popular *Blues Traveler*.

The activities begin at 2 p.m. on Minor Field. There will also be a campus-wide picnic (exact times and places will be announced later). Acts expected to play at this year's event are **Dr. Blue**, **Judy Gorman-Jacobs**, **Rick Danko** (formerly of **The Band**) and **NRBQ** (New Rhythm & Blues Quartet).



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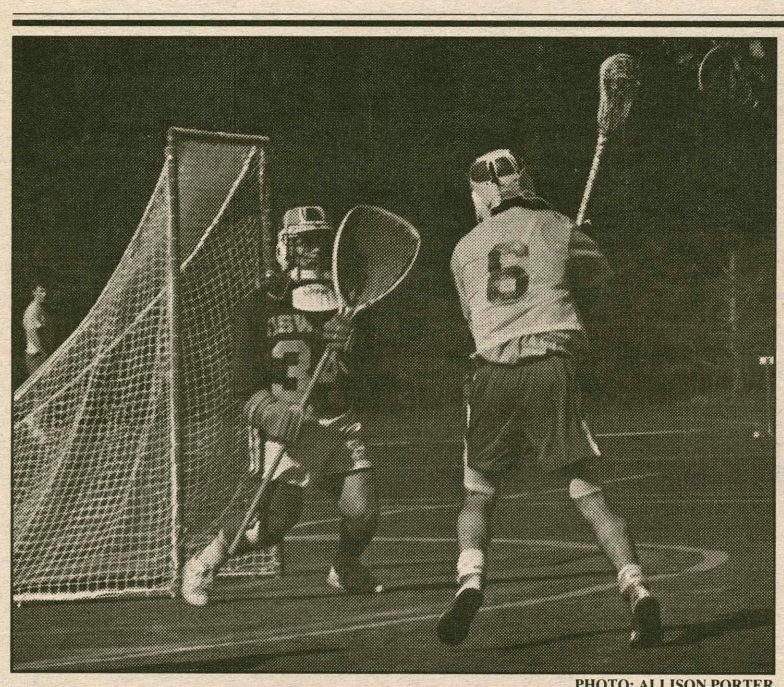

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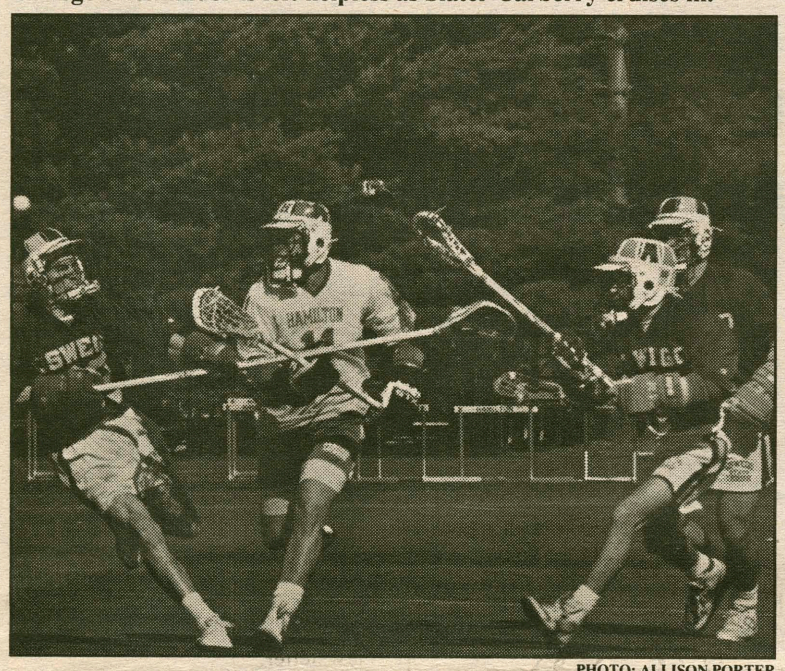
Oswego's netminder is left helpless as Slater Carberry cruises in.



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John Kuhe looks to receive a pass against Oswego.

Men's Lax Beaten By Union, Gets By Oswego

CHRIS ROCKWELL
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Another week of Hamilton Lacrosse has come to a close. After a successful week against Potsdam and Oneonta, the Hamilton Lacrosse team was pitted against the Union Dutchmen and Oswego. This week proved to be one of mixed results. A fourth quarter loss followed by a fourth quarter win proved that Hamilton is able to learn from mistakes.

The first game of the week was against the Dutchmen of Union College. From the first whistle the Continentals suprised the Dutchmen with superior play. Every Union goal was answered with a Hamilton goal. It seemed to be more of a contest than Union would have believed coming into the game. At the end of the first half, Hamilton and Union were tied. The second half saw a different story unfold. While the Continentals maintained a high level of play, penalties proved to be the downfall. By the fourth quarter Hamilton had lost its lead and its momentum ultimately losing to the Dutchmen, a loss hardly won. Scoring for the Continentals were John Neuwirth (2 goals), Sam Kosoff (2 goals), Chris Rockwell (1 goal).

The second game of the week pitted the much improved Oswego team against the determined Continentals. Love field was transformed into a tennis court as the ball bounced back and forth between the two cages. Every goal seemed to be answered by the opposing team. It was obvious that Hamilton had to become the fourth quater team that they had not been on the previous Saturday. In the end, Hamilton was victorious with a 13-12 score. Stellar play by defensemen Paul Arvantides, Tim Hannen, Peter Reed, and Jamie Butler allowed the offence to maintain control of the ball. The face-offs of "Nails" Fugelsang and John Kuhe kept the flow of play rushing towards the Oswego net with the help of Chris Lane, and Mike Hodgen. Scoring for the Continentals were Chris Rockwell (2 goals, 1 assist), Chris Wallace (1 assist), John Neuwirth (2 goals, 3 assists), Slater Carberry (1 goal), Sam kosoff (4 assists), Dan Molnar (3 goals), Jamie Anders (3 goals), and John Kuhe (2 goals, 1 assist).

With nine games under their belts, the Continentals look towards the last two games with anticipation. Each game offers the opportunity to improve what has been a struggle of a season with a 5-4 record. Each game the Continentals have proven that they can be a team that can rise to the occasion. However, with these remaining games Hamilton must rise to the occasion for four quarters and maintain a superior level of play. Hamilton must do what a great general once said and "recognize our weaknesses and turn them into our strengths." The next game and last home game against Clarkson will prove to be a good contest.

Spec SportsWire

CRY BABY GEORGE:

George Steinbrenner provided courtroom drama Tuesday as the Yankees owner twice was nearly in tears while testifying in the extortion trial of gambler Howard Spira. Trembling and in a breaking voice, Steinbrenner recited family members' phone numbers in Spira's possession. Steinbrenner said concern about his family was a major reason he paid Spira $40,000 in January 1990.

TOP PLAYERS HURTING:

The NBA playoffs began Thursday with several top players hobbled. The health of Boston's Larry Bird, Philadelphia's Charles Barkley, Detroit's Isiah Thomas, James Edwards and Mark Aguirre and Milwaukee's Dale Ellis are keys for their teams. Bird missed seven of the last eight games with back injury. Thomas missed 10 weeks after surgery on his right wrist, and it still is painful.

SYRACUSE STAR OWENS TO ENTER NBA DRAFT:

Syracuse All-America forward Billy Owens said Tuesday he will pass up his final year of college eligibility to enter the June 26 NBA draft. Owens, who almost certainly will be one of the first five picks in the draft, said he reached the decision late last week after examining the pros and cons with his family and coach Jim Boeheim.

FALCONS PICK DRUGGIE:

In the NFL draft Monday, the Atlanta Falcons selected a convicted Fort Myers, Fla., cocaine dealer who is to start serving a nine-year prison sentence in January. A lawyer and a college coach said Tuesday Atlanta knew of wide receiver Walter Sutton's conviction when they drafted him in the ninth round. The Falcons had no comment.

Quote Of The Week

"I think we're concentrating more, the way we're playing rught now we can go all the way to the World Bowl."

-- Eric Wilkerson, RB, of the 2-3 NY-NJ Knights, who have won their last two games. Geez, give 'em an inch and they want a mile.

This Week In Sports....

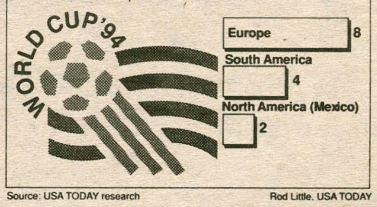
April 23, 1939

Red Sox rookie Ted Williams goes 4 for 5 and hits the first of his 521 career homers, but Boston loses to the Philadelphia Athletics, 12-8. Williams will have one of the greatest rookie seasons in history, clubbing 31 homers, scoring 131 runs, driving in a league-leading 145 runs, and batting .327.

Spec Stat-Fact

World Cup comes to U.S.

The official logo for the 1994 World Cup soccer championships, which will be held for the first time in the United States, was unveiled Wednesday. Continents on which the World Cup has been held the most:



Source: USA TODAY research — Rod Little, USA TODAY

Golf Team Ranked 18th

BRUCE SIMON
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Off to an 8-3 start, the Men's Varsity Golf Team has climbed the national polls to garner a #18 ranking among all Division III schools. Last week, the team finished third at the Skidmore Invitational and second at the Williams/Middlebury match.

Last Thursday, the team made the two hour trek to face a tough field, including host Skidmore (the #5-ranked team in Division III), NESCAC rivals Williams and Middlebury, and a strong Oswego State squad. If you recall last fall, the team was almost sideswiped by a cement truck on the ride to Saratoga Springs, and that was the high point of the day; they finished in next-to-last place. So this spring they had something to prove.

Well, there were no murderous cement trucks this time, but Mark Milhench, who was following Coach Simon on the ride up, did have to run a few lights to keep up with his coach. Perhaps the wild ride accounts for the triple bogey that captain Tim Murphy made on his first hole, or the three double bogeys Bruce Simon made on his first five holes. But Murphy battled back to shoot a 79, and Simon held it together to finish with an 83. Jim Agger led the team with a 78 and, with Murphy, finished among the top ten individuals for the day. Mark Milhench came in with an 81, while Marc Simon shot an 84.

The team's total of 321 was an almost twenty-stroke improvement over the fall tournament, which was held on the same course with the same Hamilton players participating, so in that sense it was a tremendous improvement. But the total wasn't low enough to pull off another upset of the Skidmore squad, which finished with a 302. The Oswego State team also finished ahead of the Continentals, as they fired a 315 behind a one-over-par 73 by their top player. On the bright side, the squad finished ahead of Williams (323), the Skidmore "B" team (326), and Middlebury (353) as well as four other teams.

Last Saturday, the team traveled to Williamstown to compete in a match with Williams and Middlebury on the Taconic Golf Course. The scoring system was different than usual in this tournament. Since each team brought eight players, the coaches sent the players off in threesomes. If the Hamilton player scored lower than both his opponents for the first nine holes, he'd get a point from each of them, if he had the lowest score for the second nine, he'd again get a point from each opponent, and each eighteen-hole total was also worth a point. [Ed. Note: This is called the nassau scoring system. It's amazing what I know, isn't it?] Thus, the most points a single player could get would be six, and the team with the highest point total would win.

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Tennis Slips To 6-5

WELLS AITKEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Home sweet home. That's what the members of Men's tennis team were saying to themselves on Wednesday afternoon. The reason? The Continentals edged St. Lawrence, 5-4, at home after dropping their prior two matches on the road. With losses to Skidmore and Hobart, Hamilton's record fell to 5-5 after being at 5-2 just ten days ago. Now, at 6-5, the Continentals must finish strong just to stay above .500.

First-year standout Isik Okte did not play in the two losses due to an ankle injury. He returned Wednesday, and played at No. 2 singles. Okte showed no effects from the injury as he whipped his opponent, Fred Kohelmanen, in straight sets, 6-2, 6-0.

With Okte still tender from the injury Senior Dan Burke got a chance to fill in at the No. 1 singles position. After dropping the first set 6-3, Burke came on strong and won the next two sets 6-3, 6-0.

In other matches, No. 3 Mark Doehla lost to Rich Congdon in straight sets, 4-6, 5-7. No. 4 Greg Hills won his match with St. Lawrence's Don Trigg, 6-2, 6-3. No. 5 Rob Pickles, after winning the first set, had to go to a tie breaker with the Saints' Dave Dusek, before winning, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3). At No. 6 Andy Wittenberg lost in straight sets, but

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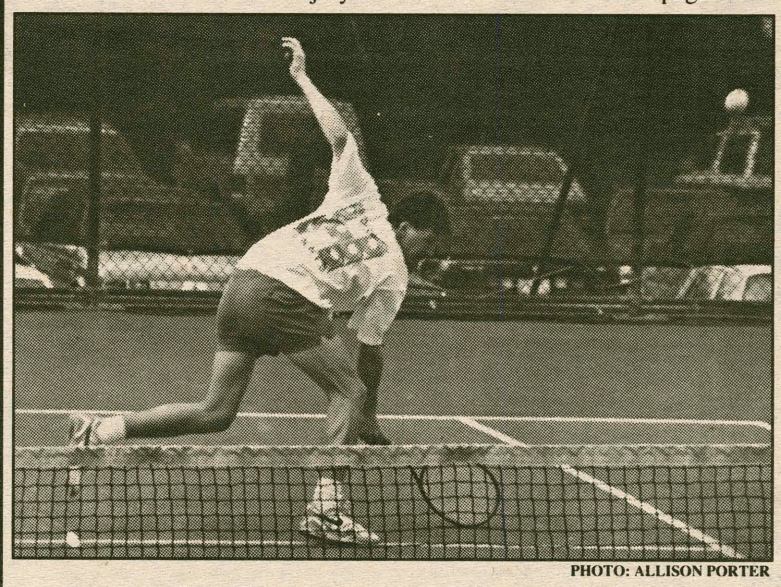

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Greg Hills in action Wedenesday vs. St. Lawrence.

Inexperienced Softball Team Plagued By Errors

PETE CHECKETT
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

On April 20, Hamilton's softball team ended their long road trip with a doubleheader at Union. The road had not been kind to the Continentals as they returned home with a record of one and nine, including losses to Russell Sage, Albany, Siena, and the aforementioned Union.

April 13th saw the Continentals playing a doubleheader against undefeated Russell Sage. Hamilton hung tough in both games losing—the first three to one and the second seven to six. Betty Fotopoulos batted in Hamilton's only run of the first game and had two of Hamilton's five hits. Russell Sage also had five hits in the game, but they came away with the victory because they made only two errors while Hamilton committed five. Hamilton lost the second game partly due to a controversial (real bad) call by the umpires, for the ump denied an out on a dropped third strike which eventually allowed a run to score. Betty Fotopoulos batted in two of Hamilton's six runs while Julie Sheldon, Kelly Maxwell, and Sarah DeForest batted in one apiece.

Hamilton lost another one run game to their next opponent, Albany, by a score of 10-9. Pitcher Andrea Perotti really struggled in this game, giving up twelve walks and a wild pitch in the bottom of the seventh that allowed the winning run to score. Perotti did not receive much defensive help as Hamilton committed six errors in the game. On the positive side, Hamilton's offense out hit Albany fourteen to seven. Andrea Perotti and Faith Morgan each batted in two runs, while Anne Busch, Sarah DeForest, and Kelly Maxwell provided the rest.

The Continentals then went to Siena where they lost six to four. Hamilton was simply outplayed (though not by much) in this game, for they were out hit five to four, and they committed five errors while Siena only made two.

Andrea Perotti, Anne Hughes, and Betty Fotopoulos batted in the runs, and were responsible for all four of Hamilton's hits.

Hamilton then concluded their road trip by dropping a doubleheader at Union. Union shut out the Continentals in the first game, 5-0. All five runs came in the first two innings and were made possible by the four errors Hamilton committed in those innings. Hamilton did out hit Union in this game five to three, but their five errors sealed their fate. Very little went right in the second game as Union scored seventeen runs to Hamilton's three. As in the first game the damage was done early. Union knocked Andrea Perotti out of the game in the first inning by scoring eight runs. Carrie Kopriva also struggled in the early innings before settling down, but by the end of the second inning the score was 14-0. Neither pitcher received much defensive support as the Continentals were guilty of seven errors in the game.

The story of the season thus far has been the amount of errors the Continentals have been committing. The team averages six errors a game, and unless they turn this stat around and improve their defense, they will not win many ball games. Hamilton could just as easily be seven and three instead of one and nine, for six of their losses were either by one or two runs. It is important to remember that they are a young team composed primarily of first-years and sophomores.

Three players stand out and deserve credit for their great performances in what has been so far a lackluster season.

Julie Sheldon has been Hamilton's best defensive player, having committed only two errors while making several spectacular catches in left field. Sheldon, who for most of her career had been an infielder, has shown a remarkable degree of versatility by learning three or four positions during the season. Her unselfish attitude allowed Coach Knortz to play her wherever she was needed.

Andrea Perotti has been a great starting pitcher for the Continentals, and has come through offensively as well.

Betty Fotopoulos, the cleanup hitter, has been Hamilton's offensive star by batting .400.

Beat the "Experts"

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *The Garden Cafe Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester, and will be entitled to all the perks therein; namely the free pizza with the works from *The Garden Cafe* and their picture in *The Spectator.*

Specially- Selected Sporting Events	Wells Aitken *Spectator Sports Editor* Last Week: 7-5 Semester: 64-63 Year: 131-137	Doug Goudie *WHCL Sportscaster* Last Week: 6-6 Semester: 67-60 Year: 131-137	Gil Chorbajian *Pro Beater Emeritus* Last Week: 7-5 Semester: 70-57 Year: 146-122	Dan Bralliar *Junior; Guest #1* Last Week's Guest: Sean Kealy (4-8)	Steph Van Allen *First Year; Guest #2* Last Week's Guest: Jim Thatcher (7-5)
NHL					
Washington at Pittsburgh 4/25	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Washington
Montreal at Boston 4/25	Boston	Boston	Boston	Boston	Boston
Minnesota at St. Louis 4/26	Minnesota	St. Louis	St. Louis	Minnesota	Minnesota
Edmonton at Los Angeles 4/26	Los Angeles	Edmonton	Los Angeles	Los Angeles	Edmonton
Boston at Montreal 4/27	Montreal	Boston	Montreal	Boston	Boston
Los Angeles at Edmonton 4/28	Edmonton	Edmonton	Edmonton	Los Angeles	Edmonton
NBA					
New York at Chicago 4/25	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	New York
Golden State at San Antonio 4/25	San Antonio	Golden State	San Antonio	San Antonio	San Antonio
Utah at Phoenix 4/25	Phoenix	Phoenix	Utah	Utah	Utah
Indiana at Boston 4/26	Boston	Boston	Boston	Boston	Indiana
Atlanta at Detroit 4/26	Detroit	Atlanta	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit
Houston at LA Lakers 4/27	LA Lakers	Houston	Houston	LA Lakers	LA Lakers

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Beat the Experts Leader Board

Note: All ties are decided by the guests' records vs. the Experts. The guest with the better record vs. the Experts wins.

Guest Name	Week	vs. Experts	Record
1. John Refermat	**Mar. 1**	**3-0-0**	**9-2**
2. Margaret Hanshaw	Apr. 12	2-1-0	8-4
3. Cynthia Satloff	Mar. 1	3-0-0	7-4
4. Greg Goodman	Mar. 8	3-0-0	7-4
5. Jamie Metz	Feb. 15	2-0-1	7-4
6. Kajal Chattopadhyay	Feb. 8	1-1-1	7-4

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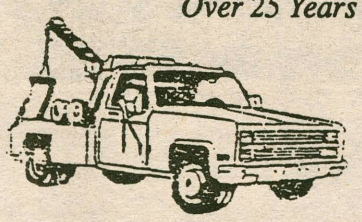

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Tennis Ends Three Match Slide With Win Over St. Lawrence

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he didn't go down without a fight. After losing the first set, 4-6, Wittenberg and Scott Applegate worked through a grueling tie breaker before Applegate came out on top, 14-12, to win the second set and the match.

At doubles, Burke and Okte teamed up for the third time this year. Having lost their prior two matches as doubles partners, they were about due for a win. And they won easily, knocking off the team of Congdon-Schultz, 6-3, 6-2.

The other two Continentals' tandems were not so successful. Hills and Pickels went three sets with Kohelmanen and Logan. Hills-Pickels won the first set, 6-3, before apparently deciding to take a nap and losing in the second set, 1-6. In the third set, Hills-Pickels fought hard and the match game down to a tie breaker where Kohelmanen-Logan proved to be just too tough, winning the tie breaker, 8-6.

Finally, Julian Paik and Mike Casstevens were tripped up by Dusek ad Applegate, 4-6, 3-6.

Last Saturday, the Continentals were beaten soundly, 8-1, by a tough Skidmore squad. In fact, aside from Dan Burke's three set win, Hamilton only managed to win one other set in all 5 other singles matches and 3 doubles matches.

Burke struggled in the first set against Kyle McGaffey, losing, 4-6, before getting his rythym and taking the final two sets, 6-3, 6-4. The only other set win came from the third doubles pair of Mark Doehla and Andy Wittenberg as they managed to sandwich a second set win between losses in the first and third sets to Skidmore's Christian Nagler and Greg Crawford, 3-6, 6-4, 4-6.

Other Scores: 1. Kyle Richter def. Mike Doehla, 6-1, 6-1. 3. Greg Crawford def. Greg Hills, 6-1, 6-3. 4. Jon Murch def. Julian Paik, 6-1, 6-2. 5. Jeff Hillenbrand def. Mike Casstevens, 6-0, 6-1. 6. Josh Nussbaumer def. Andy Wittenberg, 6-2, 6-3. 1D. Richter-McGaffey def. Burke-Hills, 6-1, 6-0. 2D. Nussbaumer-Friedman def. Paik-Casstevens, 6-3, 6-2.

On Monday, Hamilton didn't fare much better, losing to Hobart 7-2. Andy Wittenberg had the sole singles win for the Continentals. He beat C. Goddard, 6-4, 6-1. In doubles, the dynamic duo of Wittenberg and Doehla continued to shine. They edged out the Skidmore pair of Goddard and Hamilton, 9-7.

The Continentals close out their 1991 season with a final home appearance before ending the season on the road. Binghamton will be in town tomorrow, and the season finale takes the Continentals to LeMoyne college.

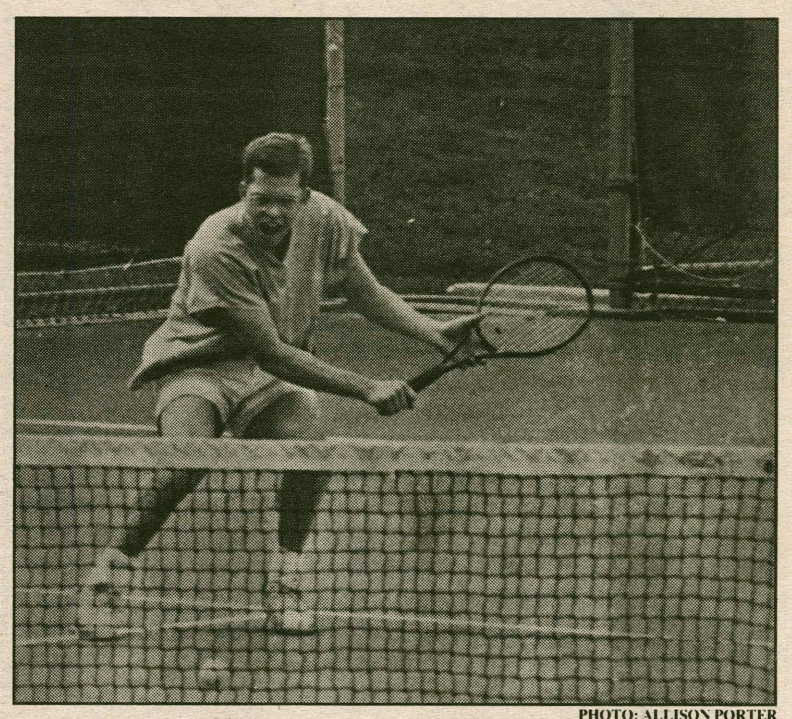

PHOTO: ALLISON PORTER

Rob Pickels charges to the net.

Women's Lacrosse Hammers Union, 15-5

CONNIE DOUGLAS
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Varsity Women's Lacrosse team has come across some pretty tough opponents in the last week. Last Thursday the team played the St.Lawrence Saints. St Lawrence came out strong from the start. Their passing and shot selection were superb.

The Continentals did not play their best, but worked very hard, displaying some nice passing and midfield connections, and good defensive positioning. Goals were scored by Joanie Mendelson, Pammy Johnson, Jesse Toland, Kerry O'Malley, and Connie Douglas in the 13-5 loss.

After that tough loss, the Continentals played Union on Saturday. With threatening skies above, they managed to play one of their best games yet. The passing was crisp, clean, and stick to stick. The defense played a spectacular game with outstanding players being Emily Gardner and Lisa Stichweh.

Connie Douglas led the team scoring 4 goals, Mendelson had 3, Pammy Johnson scored 2, as did Jessica Fraker. Lisa Lavinson and Kerry O'Malley each scored a goal. The team exhibited great teamwork and togetherness, beating Union,15-5.

On Tuesday, the Continentals played Ithaca College in a very tough contest. Though the passing was good, and the defense tight. Ithaca emerged victorious, 11-6. Those six goals were scored by six different players, demonstrating the team's depth. Kerry O' Malley, Pammy Johnson, Sarah Burke, Joanie Mendelson, Emily Helm, and Lisa Lavinson all scored. The loss was hard on the Continentals, but Coach Bruce felt that "there were some good points." Their next game is against Hartwick at home on the Rug of Love on Saturday April 27. Please come and cheer them on!

The J.V. team finished their season 5-1-1. Last Thursday, the J.V played Clarkson College, and beat them 12-4. Attacking strengths were Sarah Gee, Liz Lowman, and Sarah Rafferty each scoring three goals. The defense had a superior game, with great checks, and defensive double teams. Everyone put forth a great effort in the game, especially Chrissy Escala.

The J.V. played their last game against against Ithaca on Tuesday, a very close game. They lost 8-7 in the last two minutes of the half. They played the game with a never die attitude. Both the attack and defense played a string game.

Liz Lowman scored 3 goals, and Gretchen Zurn scored twice. Sarah Rafferty and Sarah Gee each scored a goal. The defense was led by Whitney Bell, who played very well, leading the team in ground ball control. It was a tough loss, that left the team with a 5-1-1 season. Congratulations J.V!! You had a super season.

Golf Preps For NESCAC's

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Tim Murphy had one of the best rounds of his life that day; he was even par with only two holes to play, both of them birdieable. Although he finished bogey-double bogey, he still shot an incredible 74, getting the full six points for the team. Other top point getters for the Blue were Jim Agger, who shot an 81 and got 5 1/2 points, and Marc Simon, who shot an 80 and got 5 points. Mark Milhench shot a fine 78, which, if the tournament was scored as usual, would bring the team's total for the day to 313, an eight-shot improvement over Thursday's total on a much tougher course. The other four Hamilton golfers, Bruce Simon (87), Dennis Williams (90), John Baumgard (94), and Marc Ruxin (95), gathered enough points to bring the team's point total to 24 1/2. This was enough to beat Middlebury, but the team couldn't beat the Williams team on their own home course under this scoring system. However, Hamilton and Williams would have tied if the top five scores for each team were added together, as both would have shot 400.

Thus, the team has begun the spring season successfully, although their tournament last Monday was canceled due to heavy rains and snow flurries. They are looking to improve their 8-3 record at the Colgate Invitational this Thursday, which features Division I arch-rival Colgate and the Oswego State squad that beat the Continentals at Skidmore.

Then, the team will try to fulfill one of its goals for the season, as they compete in the NESCAC Championships at Taconic (again) on Sunday and Monday. Last year, the team ran away from the field, but this year they will have a tough time defending their title, as the Williams team is much improved and Amherst has been ranked nationally. So stay tuned! Hopefully the golf team will continue to climb the polls as the season progresses.

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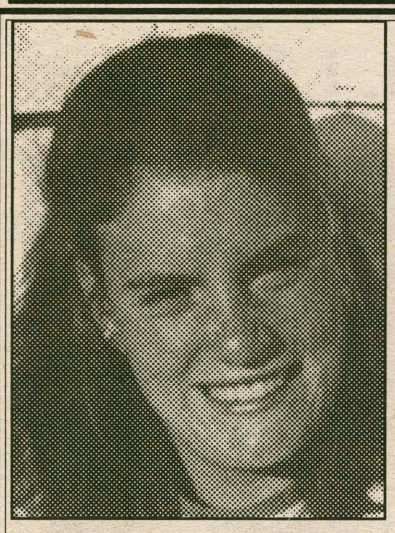

The Garden Café's Athlete of the Week

—COMPILED BY SARAH GEE

Connie Douglas

vs. Union **Goals**

Douglas **4**

The Women's Lacrosse Team has had quite an impressive season so far, and they look forward to a hopeful appearance at the state tournement after their final game versus Hartwick. Although every player has been integral to the team's victorious spirit, Connie Douglas has proved virtually indispensable to the lineup. In the team's recent 15-5 blowout of Union, all four of Connie's shots went in the goal.

As defense wing, Connie constantly uses her quick speed, and plays endline to endline in every game. Her defensive capabilities are equally as impressive as her offensive statistics: Connie has scored 11 goals and had one assist for a total of twelve points in eight games. She also is second on the team for groundballs and interceptions, and third for draw controls. Congratulations, Connie, you are The Garden Cafe Athlete of the Week.

The Garden Cafe Restaurant, located at 354A Norton Avenue at the Corner of Route 5, is open 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Mon-Thu and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Fri-Sun for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The Garden Cafe serves pizza, chicken wings, subs, and a late night breakfast. Hamilton students showing I.D. receive ten percent off at all times. Delivery (1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.) - Call 853-4571.

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OTHER PEAK PERFORMERS

Lynwood Stagg

A member of the Men's Track and Field Team, Lynwood just missed qualifying for the Nationals last week in the Hammer throw. His throw of 48.2m earned him a very respectable position nevertheless.

Jamie Anders

Anders, an attack player on the Men's Lacrosse Team scored three goals yesterday in a close 13-12 win against Oswego. Along with two other goals, Anders had a hat trick to score the game-tying goal.

Men's Track Survives *Long* Weekend

SCOTT SHIPLEY
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Men's Track and Field Team is a very dedicated one. No other sport has competitions that last for days!! It is a pretty large time commitment for a Hamilton student to travel to Albany for 6 hours on a Friday, and for 16 hours on a Saturday. At a very poorly run Albany Invitational, the fast-improving Continentals had some impressive performances against 15 quality teams including Albany, Colgate, Binghamton, and Division II's Southern Connecticut. The meet was not scored, but there were some impressive individual performances.

Last Friday, Lynwood Stagg '92 proved to be among the best hammer throwers in the state, with a first place effort of 48.2 meters, which is less than 2 meters short of qualifying him for Nationals. Jack Fortney '94 was able to take sixth place.

On Saturday, the dashmen of Hamilton combined for some solid efforts. Eric Grey '93 and Desmond 'The Demon' Bailey, '94 were both on three sprint relays. Grey was able to take sixth place in the 100 meter dash. Bailey was able to take 3rd in the triple jump. Grey and Bailey combined with Chris Wheeler '92, and Senior Sean Epps to take fourth place in the 4 x 100 relay, with a time of 43.7 seconds. Sophomore Scott Shipley joined Grey, Wheeler, and Bailey on the fourth place 4 x 200 relay in a time of 1 minute 31.5 seconds. Dan McElhinney then joined Shipley, Bailey, and Grey on the third place 4 x 400 relay, which scored a time of 3:28.5. Epps was able to take fifth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 52.7 seconds.

Jason Tremlett and Tony Richardson were key athletes on Saturday as well. Tremlett and Richardson finished third and fourth respectively in the 110 meter hurdles. Richardson was able to take 5th in the 400 meter hurdles in a time of 57.9 seconds. Tremlett was able to take second in the triple jump with a leap of over 44 feet. Christian Falkenburg '92 was able to finish third in the high jump, with a jump of 6 feet, 2 inches.

Jason Rinsky '94, though he didn't place in the 800 meter dash with a time of 1:59.5, was able to double back with Mark Stanek '92, John Kellog Werner '92, and David Boynton-Fisher '93 to take sixth place in the 4 x 800 meter relay.

This weekend, the Hamilton Track and Field teams will be flying up to Colby College in Maine for the 1991 NESCAC Championships, their biggest meet of the year. Hamilton figures to do very well, with strength in the field events and the sprints. Look for Lynwood Stagg to win the hammer throw, and Chris Wheeler to win the pole vault. Other good bets for Hamilton are Jason Tremlett (110 hurdles, long jump, triple jump), Tony Richardson (hurdles), Eric Grey (sprints and relays), Christian Falkenburg (triple jump, high jump), and Desmond Bailey (sprints, relays, triple jump). All have the capability of winning individual titles at NESCAC's, and the team will probably score points in other events from the rest of the team.

[Ed. Note: Hopefully, Scott Shipley will have recovered enough (from last night's Yes concert) to run well in his races at NESCAC's.]

PHOTO: ALLISON PORTER

Men's Track will be at NESCAC's this weekend.

Ashe To Speak At Dinner

Clinton, N.Y.--On May 2, former tennis champion Arthur Ashe will be the featured speaker at the fifth annual Hamilton College Jack B. Riffle Dinner for senior varsity athletes. The dinner is highlighted by the announcement of the Riffle awards presented to an outstanding male and female athlete in the senior class who also demonstrates the highest ideals of competitive sports. Mr. Ashe will give a talk entitled "Academics and Athletics: Mutually Exclusive?"

Jack Riffle was graduated from Hamilton in 1950, and at the time of his death on December 13, 1986, he was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Utica National Insurance Group. He had become a prominent and highly regarded spokesman for the nation's entire insurance industry. He also served as Executive Vice President of the Boy Scouts of America and exemplified a total commitment to innumerable good courses, giving freely and readily of his time and energies on their behalf.

In addition, Mr. Riffle served Hamilton College unselfishly and with exceptional enthusiasm. He first became a Trustee in 1979 and contributed his voice and counsel in ways that were always positive and constructive. A great booster of Hamilton athletics, Jack Riffle frequently attended varsity games, both at home and away. He believed that athletics represented the very best in life.

Because of this deep interest, a group of his friends and associates established the Jack B. Riffle Memorial Fund. This endowment is used annually to honor all Hamilton senior varsity athletes and their coaches at a dinner featuring a guest speaker representing the finest in American sport.

In the past, the dinner has featured such speakers as Mark Mulvoy, Managing Editor of *Sports Illustrated*, Howard Cosell, television commentator, Rosa Gatti, Senior Vice President at ESPN, and Neal Pilson a Hamilton Alumnus and President of CBS Sports.

Arthur Ashe

Fifth Annual Hamilton College Five Mile Run

Results
133 entrants

1. David Mead	(27:59)	24. John McEnroe	(32:38)	50. Robert Porten	(36:45)
2. Michael Abdallah	(28:17)	25. Bonnie Hiatt	(32:40)	51. VanNess Robinson	(36:45)
3. Kevin Birth	(28:44)	26. Alice Jones	(32:50)	52. Alex Freytag	(36:48)
4. Paul Humphrey	(29:06)	27. Brewster Thackeray	(32:55)	53. John Gilburg	(36:55)
5. Stephen Walroth	(29:10)	28. Dan Bielicki	(32:57)	54. Joe Mead	(37:03)
6. Mark Salm	(29:13)	29. David Boynton	(33:02)	55. Gail Vernold	(37:16)
7. Tom Fiore	(29:19)	30. Wayne Decker	(33:09)	56. ?	(37:38)
8. John Werner	(29:41)	31. Bob Ingalls	(33:15)	57. Richard deFrances	(37:45)
9. Moe Lalonde	(29:46)	32. WIlliam Street	(33:39)	58. John Nash	(37:46)
10. Challen Ingnaham	(29:48)	33. John Pick	(33:57)	59. Douglass Mattson	(37:52)
11. Steven Dzieglel	(29:48)	34. Allan Steinhauer	(34:02)	60. David Hurd	(38:07)
12. James Grinwis	(29:54)	35. John Breish	(34:21)	61. Reg Greiner Sr.	(38:24)
13. David Buck	(30:28)	36. Ronald Scheurman	(34:21)	62. Ed Buckly	(38:34)
14. Dan Martin	(30:38)	37. David Katz	(34:37)	63. Ted Petrillo	(38:37)
15. Mark Williams	(30:46)	38. Jeff Barnhill	(35:00)	64. Robert Carlson	(38:45)
16. James Houghtaling	(31:07)	39. James Siepiola	(35:08)	65. Ernest Williams	(38:47)
17. Leonard Hapanowicz	(31:26)	40. Keven Morrisroe	(35:11)	66. Don Ames	(38:47)
18. Matt Gallagher	(31:38)	41. Micheal George	(35:27)	67. Bob Bulllwinkle	(38:57)
19. Doug Miller	(31:52)	42. Anthony Labate	(35:32)	68. Steve Petrillo	(38:59)
20. Chad Dickinson	(32:10)	43. Chales Silverman	(35:40)	69. Richar Barnum	(39:14)
21. Christopher Kerr	(32:13)	44. Charles Huntley	(35:42)	70. Frank Marsicane	(39:16)
22. Larry Plunkett	(32:23)	45. Teresa Wuerdeman	(35:56)	71. Janna Roche	(39:16)
23. Richard Karaz	(32:29)	46. Reg Greiner Jr.	(36:01)	72. Dick Ackerman	(39:23)
		47. Scott Fleming	(36:02)	73. Richard Gates	(39:28)
		48. Shirley Oddy	(36:06)	74. Anthony Vigilotti	(39:31)
		49. Debra Camp	(36:42)	75. Gwynn Jones	(39:36)

Coming In Next Week's Final Sports Section

-- An in depth interview with tennis great Arthur Ashe
-- Golf and Track, Results From NESCAC Competition
-- Will someone finally top John Refermat in Beat the "Experts"?

Attitudes

Political Correctness: Dubious Moral High Ground or Euphemism for Real Issues?

Modern-day Witch-hunt Threatens the Well-Intentioned

David Friedman '92

There's a witch hunt afoot, and it scares the living hell out of me.

We are roaring toward a time when a vocal minority, imbued with the fervor of Jihad, can exert an insidious tryanny of thought over a majority by claiming some dubious moral high ground. These people, the "politically correct," to use the McCarthyesque euphemism now in vogue, threaten to ruin the academic career, personal reputation, and professional prospects of anyone standing in the way of their peculiar brand of "liberalism." By arbitrarily doling out labels of sexism, racism, or homophobia — whether or not such labels are justified — the P.C. crowd, have forsaken any notions of common sense in favor of evangelizing their own "new world order."

Common sense is the operative phrase here. There is a world of difference between common sense and P.C. Common sense, for instance, tells us that women deserve every opportunity, whether professional, educational, or social, that men do. Simple as that. Common sense fails to dictate, however, that any spelling change for the word *women* is likely to bring these goals closer. Common sense fails to help me understand how 18-, 19-, 20-year-old girls are necessarily women; go out and live in the

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"Common sense is the operative phrase here. There is a world of difference between common sense and P.C."

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adult world for a few years, and then tell me about what a woman you are. Carefree schoolkids are hardly transformed magically into adults by virtue of college matriculation. Common sense fails to enlighten me as to the evils of perusing *Sports Illustrated's* Swimsuit Edition, with its bevy of willing, well-paid women. Seeing women as meat? No. Does it make me want to go out and rape someone? Of course not! Is it healthy, on the other hand, to admire beautiful members of the opposite sex? Yes, and no apologies!

Common sense tells us that people have a right to whatever sexual preferences they enjoy. That does not mean, however, that we need announce it to the world. Speaking frankly, I'm no more interested in the fact that Chris Banks is attracted to men than you are in the fact that I like women. In an interview with *Playboy* several years ago, the gay playwright Harvey Fierstein, author of *Torch Song Trilogy*, commented that he was not involved in any gay activist movements because he does not consider his sexual orientation the focal point of his life, any more than a heterosexual person should. Must I go out of my way to express my love and acceptance for an "alternative" lifestyle before I can be called politically acceptable?

Common sense tells us that many of us are of different races, and that for the sake of convenince, we have come refer to ourselves and each other as "Black," "White," etc. Am I really marking myself as a racist by calling someone "black" instead of the currently trendy *African-American?* I suppose I have no great problem with incorporating the term into my lexicon; but by the same token, shouldn't I then expect people to refer to me as a "European-American of Semitic background?" Personally, I'd still rather be called a Jew.

Part of the seductiveness of P.C. lies in its propensity for championing sexy causes. For instance, protesting the defacement of the portrait of Joseph Lee Spurlarke, the first black graduate of the College, was a really, really fashionable thing to do. Students and deans alike asked me if I was going (I didn't; I was entertaining company) to the speakout held on the steps of Burke. Yet, the following month I noted with great disappointment the enormous dearth of gentiles (and Jews, too, for that matter) at the ceremonies commemorating the 52nd anniversary of Kristallnacht, the beginning of the Holocaust. Hundreds of people turn out to protest a relatively minor racial incident again and again; yet only a score come to commemorate the most horrifying crime ever committed by Man.

It also strikes me that P.C. is a wonderful way for the rich preppy kid to avoid the stigma of wealth. What better way to atone for the sin of graduating the Lawrenceville School than by growing your hair long, wearing fashionably poor-looking clothes with holes in them, and berating the system that has ruthlessly jammed a silver spoon into your mouth, plunked you down behind the wheel of a Saab, and landed you here at yet another elitist watering hole for the scions of the rich though not-so-famous? (I exaggerate — slightly — to emphasize a point.)

Like I said, P.C. is really scaring the hell out of me, and it's doing so for two reasons. First, it threatens the well-being of a lot of really well-meaning people simply because they aren't active enough in fashionable causes, or haven't learned the latest social jargon to suit the likings of certain holier-than-thou people. Second, by creating issues where there oughtn't be, the P.C. distract people from real, important issues that genuinely need addressing. I'd rather worry, for instance, about the disparity between male and female wage-earnings than whether we should bastardize the mother tongue by changing the spelling of *women*. I'd rather

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'P.C.' Fad Obscures Important Social Ailments

Jennifer H. Wagner '92
Rebekah Fisk '92

Much has been said lately about the term "politically correct." I do not find the ideas behind the word objectionable, rather it is the context and pattern of its usage which disturbs me. I usually find at the bottom of debates about the use of this term a general negligence of the real issues being discussed. Once the term enters a conversation, or more often, a confrontation, connotations of policing thought, claiming moral superiority, and the right to censor invariably come with it.

I'm frequently the one in this situation who is being accussed of thinking I hold these virtues so it's time for an example. Last semester I confronted a peer for repeatedly referring to myself and other females my age as "girls." I explained to this person that I prefer to be referred to as a womyn because a girl is a child, which I am not. Halfway through my anything-but-longwinded explanation, I was interrupted with "Oh, *so sorry*, I forgot to be **Politically Correct**" (sarcasm theirs). With one swift move my entire point was swept off and replaced with a label. The fact that I request the people I come into contact with to respect my right to name myself was turned into a derogatory joke.

This is not an issue of what's politically correct. This is an issue of who has the right to do what and what is the motive behind what we do. I believe we all have the right to say whatever we want. If someone considers 'girl' to be an acceptable term for a twenty-one year old womyn then they should use that term. If I object I should say so. I don't want to censor anyone from saying something I find objectionable, I want to hear it so I can explain my point of view. After this, perhaps the person will understand my offense and decide to respect my feelings by referring to me with the term I prefer. It's got nothing to do with Political Correctness and everything to do with respecting a persons right to name themselves.

Another situation frequently cited in reference to Political Correctness is the issue of whether one should use the term Black or African-American. African-American has recently become a preferred term not because it is a superficial trend but because a large number of people have expressed their desire to be called that and a large number of people have decided to respect that desire. Isn't knowing the term that someone requests to be called and not using it is a clear act of aggression?

Homophobia is now running rampant on our campus. (Or has it been here all along and its just about time we talk about it?) This often takes the form of some people objecting to hearing another be open about their homosexuality. Again we are dealing with a question of identity and self-naming. What is objectionable about someone including their sexual preferences as part of their identity? Is not finding this objectionable the result of conforming to Political Correctness or the result of respecting another's self-proclaimed identity?

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"Politically Correct... is a label used out of fear and ignorance. It trivializes the real issues being discussed, name-calling the self proclaimed identities of a real world of diversity as just a momentary fad."

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Politically Correct is an empty term being imposed on those who are speaking up about what they want for themselves and those who are standing in solidarity with them. It is a label used out of fear and ignorance. It trivializes the real issues being discussed, name-calling the self proclaimed identities of a real world of diversity as just a momentary fad. It's time to listen to what people have deemed Correct for themselves.

"*The liberation of language is rooted in the liberation of ourselves*" -Mary Daly

This Week in *Attitudes*:

• **HOSS v. Societies: Community members question the tactics used in distributing an anti-society flier to prospective students. See page 24.**

• **The Sexual Harassment Grievance Board examines itself. See page 21.**

Next week is your last chance to voice your feelings in *Attitudes*. All submissions are due by Tuesday.

The following amendments to the constitution will be voted upon May 2 with the second round

Constitution of the Student Body

Article 3, Section 10 (pg. 59)

f. Academic Chamber shall serve as a sub-council of the Community Council and shall act in all matters related to academics. The Academic chamber shall be composed of one representative from each academic department ***nominated by department Chairs as representing the ideals of the department.*** (Delete: The representative from each department, who should be a junior or senior, shall be elected in the fall by the student majors of the department.) The members of this chamber shall serve in an advisory capacity to the department.) The members of this chamber shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Office of the Dean of the Faculty....

Article 8

Section 2c (pg.64)

p. Executive Council of Academic Chamber-- two Central Council, two Community Council, officers of Academic Chamber.

Section 3 (pg. 65)

b. The position to be elected during the second round of elections are: the general membership of the Program Board, the Honor Court, the Judicial Board, ***the Appeals Board***, the Treasurers/Secetaries of the Senior...

(Items in bold italics are proposed additions to the texts.)

Student Assembly Platforms

1992 Judicial Board 1993 Judicial Board

Greg Giugliano

I would like to be a J-board representative. I was involved in establishing a judiciary board within my fraternity, and I am fully aware of procedural problems that may arise. Furthermore, I hold very high standards in terms of proper conduct and will make judgements in a fair and rational manner. I will not make hasty convictions, instead I will

John Meyers

I am genuinely interested in the assurance of a certain code of conduct within the Hamilton community. Give me this opportunity; I will not let you down.

Denise Uyar

After serving on the Judiciary Board for a year, I feel that I have a better understanding of the Hamilton social code and the responsibilities involved in upholding it within the Hamilton community. My experience has shown me that the Judicial Board is an integral part of Hamilton, but relatively misunderstood by the community. The Board exists to serve all of the community members and to educate, not strictly punish, those who have infringed upon the community's goals as a whole. The social code is very important and should be upheld because it enables everyone to benefit from Hamilton's environment.

Aaron Dun

I have been involved in many activities since coming to Hamilton. I have been Chair of the Community Council, a tourguide, and a representative of a number of committees. I have played two years of J.V. basketball and I will be a Resident Advisor next year. Being involved in these activities has allowed me to learn how the school is run. I understand how the Judicial Board system works and I believe that by balancing a number of conflicting interest I have learned how to leave my own personal biases aside and be fair in light of the facts. After going through R.A. training I think that I will be even better able to understand how problems arise and the "why" behind the action. A vote for me

Ned Ginty '93

My name is Ned Ginty and I am a candidate for Judicial Board Rep.

Currently I am the Vice President of D.U. and the Philanthropy Co-Chair of the Inter Society Council. I understand the difficulty that a small group of leaders must face when it comes to enforcing rules in the best interest of a majority.

As a result of establishing a Judicial Board in D.U., I have practical experience in handling disciplinary matters that will enable me to contribute to the Judicial Board immediately.

I am a member of the Varsity Football Team, the Hamiltones, the Newman Council, Havoc, and a performer in Hamilton Theatrical presentations like Il Campiello. Because I associate with many different types of Hamilton students in each of these activities, I am aware of the many types of Hamilton students and their problems. You can trust that I will make fair and open-minded decisions.

1994 Judicial Board

Cheryl Premdass

As Judicial Board Representive of the Class of '94 my commitment will be to uphold the standards of Hamilton College. I believe that all students are deserving of fair and equal consideration and that this treatment is most effectively given out by a jury of one's peers. One must be able to approach each situation without preconceived judgements and/or notions. This ability comes from the sincerity each representative feels towards their position. I value judgement by one's own peers as one of the fundamental elements of a productive college campus. This belief, along with my sincerity towards this position will be the backbone of my service for the Class of '94 on the Judicial Board.

Jay Stellar

The Judicial Board acts as the student court which handles infractions in the general standards of the college. Why is such a student board important? The most important reason for the J-Board is the fact that one's peers hears the cases and decides the outcome, so that the decisions are not made by the administration alone. However, such a student position on the board demands responsibility in being unbias and fair. As a student representative on the J-Board, I will exercise this responsibility and serve the Hamilton Community to the best of my ability. Thank you.

Christa Ehmann

After serving as Judiciary Board Representative for the Class of 1994 for the past year, I have gained valuable experience about Hamilton's educational and community environment. At Hamilton we deserve respect, fairness, and equality from the individuals with whom we work and live. Judiciary Board helps to maintain high standards of interaction which we take full advantage of every day. As Judiciary Board representative, I believe that one must be dedicated to meeting expectations of integrity and respect. Throughout my year as Judiciary Board representative for the Class of 1994, I have learned how the organization helps to promote a constructive academic and social environment, and I believe that I can continue to help the Hamilton community.

Debbie Maxfield

The institution of the Judiciary Board is a crucial part of the Hamilton Community because it gives us, the students, the ability to have an active role in deciding upon the ramifications of our actions. I believe that in order for a person on the Board to best serve this purpose, two qualities are essential: openmindedness and responsibility. Since I have both of these qualities, I feel that I will be able to represent your views well. If you value the merit of the judicial system here at Hamilton, consider the qualities you want on the Board when you vote.

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Attack on HOSS a Petty Diversion

BILL THACKERAY '91

In a well-articulated (if bitter) response to Will Davidson's publishing of the Delta Phi awards in last week's *Spectator*, former Delta Phi President Sean Kealy says "I wish Will had spoken to me. Perhaps I could have explained some things..." This was similar to the reaction that I felt upon reading John Refermat's slanderous and peurile attack on HOSS (Hamiltonians Opposed to Selective Societies) and its members on page 23 of the same issue. If Refermat had spoken to *anybody* in HOSS before writing his piece, they could have clarified to him the many points about HOSS that I discussed with him on Saturday. The only problem is that his libelous claims against HOSS had already appeared in print the day before; and so they now must be publicly renounced.

HOSS has been the victim of many unfair attacks, both direct and indirect, this semester. Refermat adds to these when he claims that "the tactics adopted by HOSS make it unmistakably clear that its purpose is not (as stated) to educate and inform, but to destroy and ravage." I am hopeful that most people in the community are not swayed by these ridiculous accusations. HOSS is doing exactly what its stated goals are; and in the process I suspect that we are at least as close to our stated mission as any fraternity at Hamilton. (We are also easier to check on, since our activities are *not* secret.) As to the actions of which HOSS has been accused, from writing Will's letter to distributing a TDX pledge test to getting drunk and making up quotes about a DKE pledge in the *Spectator*: well, the last was proven to have been a legitimate quotation, and one that had *nothing* to do with HOSS. HOSS doesn't know where the TDX test came from. As to the other two incidents: Will's writing came from Will, not from HOSS. One does not sacrifice one's individuality when one joins HOSS.

The speaker on campus gang rape that HOSS sponsored this past Friday, the debate that it was scheduled to have with the ISC (but which was cancelled because an ISC speaker couldn't fit it in her schedule), and the sharing of information about society life at Hamilton with prospective students, are representative of what HOSS *is* doing. Other events that have occurred, it is true, might have been inspired by HOSS and information that the group disseminates. But this is no more substantiated than it would be to say that every sexist act on this campus is a direct result of Delta Phi's male bonding, as presented to the campus in their annual awards. Refermat stated incorrectly that "a sizable *majority* of HOSS activists have had former affiliations with private societies...." I had the opportunity to clarify to him on Satururday that it's not the majority, but yes, there are *some* people in HOSS to whom this description applies. Cannot one join a society, or date a society member, and then change? Grow? Develop fresh and progresssive ideas that challenge the status quo? At least these people know clearly what they have problems with. While some members of HOSS dislike all societies, several HOSS members, myself included, are actually current members of a society - the co-ed, nonselective Emerson Literary Society. I feel no hypocrisy in challenging the prevalence of sexism and selectivity, of which I strongly disapprove, that exists in other campus residential societies. There is a big difference between being "anti-society" and having qualms with mono-sex, self-selecting societies.

Delta Phi claims to have been founded on lofty ideals. Will Davidson's exposé causes the Hamilton Community to question the current implementation of those goals (a healthy organization should not be threatened by an examination, should it?). Provided that what Will submitted is accurate, this questioning is appropriate; though I will also credit Sean Kealy, on the other side of this issue, with making a sincere effort to assuage the fears that the publication of the Delta Phi awards must have raised in the community. I wish Sean had not been so bitter to his former brother Will; but at least Sean refrained the generalized and misdirected spite that John vented. Still, these two guys went through this great bonding experience to become brothers with Will; he changed his mind about the group, and exposed a part of it that troubled him, and so they have shredded him. Who the hell needs "brothers" like that? My HOSS friends and I never got initiated, never learned dark secrets; and I do not picture us ever slandering each other in intense paranoia.

At the end of his unprovoked and misguided attack on HOSS last week, John Refermat expresses his sadness that fraternities may soon face change at Hamilton. He says, "I will be thankful for the friends and experiences that have enriched me. Will the members of HOSS be able to say the same?"

Well, John, this HOSS member certainly will, and I'll say it now. See, for those of us in HOSS, our friendship has come about because we share a concern with the problems that secret, sexist, selective societies and male-only housing groups pose at Hamilton. We have been working to better our school, not just to throw great parties or cause trouble. We did not need to get bids from somebody who felt entitled to select us while rejecting others who wished to join our group. We have not had to be drenched in a vinegar based pseudo vomit as part of a strange initiation (as John was when he lived on my hall the semester he joined Delta Phi). One does not need an invite from a "brother" to be admitted at our door. We meet in a manner that is open to all who want to improve or change Hamilton's Greek society status quo. We meet as men and women; I attend HOSS meetings with my girlfriend. If a Delta Phi member has a gay lover (and that lover was also deemed worthy to receive a bid), he may share this pleasure of working together with the one he loves; but if he is so unfortunate as to be heterosexual, and he does have a girlfriend, he is part of a system in which she has no place. My sympathies to them both.

In fairness to those who might have been misled by his piece, I must stress that Refermat has clarified to me that he did not mean to imply, when he claimed to have been to "too many meetings" in which members of the community were ravaged for associating with societies and their members, that these were HOSS meetings. This is good because no one in HOSS has ever seen him at one of our meetings; and thus it is important to note that he spoke of HOSS with *no actual knowledge* of what our group has and has not done. Less knowledge, perhaps, than we might have gleaned about his fraternity from the Delta Phi awards. He might have asked. As to the goals of his own organization, Delta Phi, I challenge John (or any other brother) to break the silence of his secret society to tell us what its purpose is; and to prove to us that it meets its goals at least as closely as HOSS meets ours.

Finally, I wish to stress the irony that resides in the defensiveness people in the Greek societies feel when their pettiest secrets are revealed. They attack HOSS just to shift the focus, but Hamilton should not be fooled by this paranoid tactic. The focus is where it belongs: on selective, sexist societies; and primarily on the housed, male subspecies of this breed. For all of Sean Kealy's eloquence, and all of John Refermat's bravado, neither has done a damned thing to convince me that we should tolerate their society's being selective and all-male. Who needs dirt like the Delta Phi awards and the TDX test when the core of the problem is staring at us so boldly? Karen Volmar and Jennifer Jones explained last week why the status quo at Hamilton sucks if you are a woman who cannot experience all the joys and opportunities of living in Delta Phi or any other fraternity. Whose housing options and opportunities to escape the dreaded college meal plan are severely cut because your male peers are disappearing into grand old houses for their sophomore years? Who at best may be a guest at their hall, *should* they select to bless you with an invite?

Hamilton has been coed for thirteen years. So has the non-selective Emerson Literary society. The other eight housed societies must adapt to the times, or they shall surely face bitter consequences. Stop *defending* the status quo; stop *accepting* the status quo; start *questioning* why society life at Hamilton is so unbalanced. Contrary to Refermat's suggestion, such questioning does not reflect a "curious and perverse dissatisfation with Hamilton." It reflects HOSS's willingness to confront a system that is unbalanced and unfair.

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Sexual Harassment Grievance Board Addresses Procedural Problems

KEMPLEY SALERNO '91

After considerable consultation and reflection, it seems that the following procedural problems exhibited by Hamilton's Sexual Harassment Grievance Board should be shared with the campus for the edification of the entire community, so that positive changes may be made to ensure the safety of women on our campus.

Currently, the Sexual Harassment Grievance Board lacks immediate accessibility for rape victims, which may potentially be discouraging to women suffering the shame, embarrassment and humiliation of the rape itself. An on-campus hotline would facilitate prompt communication, thereby providing the student with immediate attention and perhaps encouragement to seek support.

Recently, the Grievance Board required a rape victim to submit a formal statement describing in detail the incident, which was then sent to the defendant by regular mail, without certification or registration. As a result, the Board, which requires a response from the accused within two weeks, had no way of determining when the accused student received the letter, causing a three-week delay of the entire process - three unnecessarily agonizing weeks for the victim. In the future, all written communication should be mailed with certification and a return receipt to avoid irresponsible and harmful delays in a terribly difficult process.

When the actual hearing process finally began, this particular rape victim realized that she was without a personal advocate. Staff members, who had advised her, acknowledged their own concerns about procedural difficulties in the existing policy, but as employees of the college, they were reluctant to openly support the victim's wish for a reevaluation of the entire process. Perhaps the counseling center should advise students to take their complaints, not only to Hamilton's Sexual Harassment Grievance Board, but also to the Utica Rape Crisis Center and/or their own legal counsel. Furthermore, information on reporting felonies to the local police should be made readily available to all students, thereby encouraging victims to seek legal recourse for a crime.

When the verdict was finalized, three full months after the actual assault, the rape victim received only vague and verbal personal notification of the Dean's decision. This was followed by a copy of the Dean's memo to the Sexual Harassment Grievance Board. As the victim is the primary individual involved in the process, she should receive a personal letter from the Dean indicating the decisions made concerning her case, followed by a meeting with the Dean, allowing the victim to question the ramifications of the decision.

In retrospect, the role of Hamilton's Sexual Harassment Grievance Board in this particular case was unclear. The authority of the Board in the entire decision-making process remains poorly defined. One might assume and wish this representative Board would have final jurisdiction. However, it seems to be a process controlled entirely by the Dean. The role of the Dean and the Sexual Harassment Board should be well defined, and that information easily accessible to the entire community so as to avoid any future discrepancies in application.

Rape, an inexcusable crime which physically and mentally humiliates and dehumanizes the victim, causes the victim psychological trauma which may last a lifetime. Therefore, it is often hard to find any good resulting from such a horrible experience. However, the college community as a whole ultimately can benefit from this rape victim's honesty, integrity and endurance exhibited throughout this excruciatingly painful process. We the community, are able to reevaluate and reconstruct Hamilton's procedures, allowing this victim to feel proud of her strength and powerful instrumentality in improving the safety and well-being of women on the Hamilton campus.

Society Debate Misfocused

Selectivity is not the debate's central issue

ANN FRECHETTE '90

Having recently returned to campus after graduating last year, I read with great interest and renewed enthusiasm the articles in *The Spectator* regarding the debate over the existence of societies on campus. It is encouraging to discover that students still regard the issue to be an important one. I would like to add to the discussion my impressions of what I heard and read during my brief visit.

None of you are debating the existence of societies. With all of the rhetoric being tossed around as to the relative morality of society members vs. non-society members, no one has yet addressed the very issue itself. The key word in the debate, thus far, seems to have been "selectivity." The members of the anti-society force argue that societies on campus are inherently "bad" because they are "selective" and they point to all of the evils committed by society members or within society houses. Those who are pro-society argue that socities are not "bad" at all because other institutions that are also "selective" are actually "good" (ie. Hamilton College itself, athletic teams, etc.). And they point to all of the evils committed by non-society members or outside of society houses to support their position. These ideas are not new. They have been tossed about by graduating class after graduating class, year after year, and the only thing that these labels have served to accomplish is the polarization of a campus community with more in common than it's willing to

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HOSS Member Challenges Label

"Curious and Perverse dissatisfaction" refuted

Amanda B. Baker '92

Shame on you, John Refermat. How can a member of Pentagon and a grand poobah of Root Jessup, two campus groups concerned with issues of equality, community, and education, write such words? After reading your letter, I felt much like Sean Kealy did after reading ex-brother Will Davidson's letter: disappointed. What bothers me most about your letter is not your petty attacks on the social/sexual standings of members of HOSS — I admit that I dated a fraternity member for a short period of time, and other members of HOSS have dated society members as well — big deal. What upsets me most is that you claim that my membership in HOSS stems from a "curious and perverse dissatisfaction with Hamilton." Let me share with you some of the things that have aroused deep within my anti-society heart this "curious and perverse" dissatisfaction. Almost all actions demonstrated by private, selective, sexist societies are curious and perverse to me. For instance, I wonder how a fraternity member, as part of the initiation process, can make pledges commit a task that is degrading towards women (such as the act of crawling through a pipe named after a vagina) and, at the same time, claim he does not abuse women. I am curious as to why in your letter you stated "I would not have remained a member if our fraternity encouraged or condoned the hazing of pledges" and yet you are still a member of a fraternity that encourages such things as "sleep-ins" (to refresh your memory, a "sleep-in" is considered hazing by the definition distributed by Wes Lucas). I am curious as to how a sorority claims to be a support group for women, yet they are not only selective in who is worthy enough to receive this "support", but also seem to reinforce a damaging image of women on this campus. I find walking up the Hill in robes with lit torches a perverse allusion to the Ku Klux Klan, as do other members of the community. I find the act of burying pledges alive in coffins not only perverse, but dangerous. I find the act of inserting food in anal orifices and then eating it, perverse (yet kinda kinky as well). The list goes on and on.

Refermat's assertion that "the overwhelming majority of fraternity members at Hamilton are constantly on guard against situations that are potentially harmful to women and pledges" also arouses my curiosity. Tell me John, when are fraternity (society) members on guard — during the daylight hours when such degrading, sadistic and perverse behavior could easily be spotted? There are other society actions which I am sure you will agree do not emit a curious or perverse dissatisfaction in me, but rather a simple and unquestionable right to safety on this campus. I demand the right to feel safe walking past Chi Psi at night and to not feel intimidated, as I did last Tuesday. I demand the right not to be woken up by screaming (from the same fraternity) at 5:30 in the morning four days later. I demand the right to walk in Root Glen and not be horrified by the corpses of dead, burnt animals. Do you believe these desires spurn a perverse and curious dissatisfaction with Hamilton? What about the inequities in the housing and meal plan lotteries perpetrated by housed fraternities on this campus — do you think my right to equal housing and meal plan options is a manisfestation of my perverse dissatisfaction? Your claim that HOSS's motto is "Do as I say, not as I do" seems to be one founded on the well traveled accusations that H.O.S.S. is behind such "devious" and "mud-slinging" acts such as the TDX test, the Psi-U incident, and various "spy" reports. I am tired of wasting energy that should be devoted to discussing the information presented but is rather spent explaining the all too clear reason why HOSS is not responsible for individual actions. Unlike any private, selective, society at Hamilton, no one in HOSS signs a constitution claiming indelible bonds of siblinghood; no one pays dues; no one is forced to come to meetings. We share no characteristic with any society, except that we both find pleasure in meeting together. Society members are held accountable for each other, whether it is implied in the sacred bonds of sibling hood, or written specifically in each consititution. In fact, maybe you should reread the ISC Constitution, which clearly states that the governing body of the Inter Society Council is held responsible for its society members. What frustrates me even more is that as members of a so called "institution of higher learning", our reaction to the recent thrust of anti-society information seems to fall in the fourth grader category. This information, which I had hoped would have been the foundation of debate on campus, has turned into the weapons used by pro-society members to debilitate HOSS's credibility. I have yet to hear a simple reply from any of the societies legitimizing, explaining, or defending their actions. In the case of one fraternity member, his response to accusations of hazing was "We don't have hazing because we don't have pledges." Is this an explanation or a cover up? Would you defend this statement? You are correct in asserting that certain members of HOSS assured you that the groups actions would be in "good faith"; I was one such person. I still believe that the actions of the group are in good faith; it is only your perverse dissatisfaction at HOSS's energy and determination that has let you down. And, quite frankly, I'm not sorry. The anger directed towards HOSS is an indication that the end is near for the present selective sexist system. Although I am gladdened by the fact that there are some members (including Refermat) who claim that they are working from within the system to bring about reform, these people are still active members who financially support the system and in most cases, occupy a space in the school's off-campus housing and meal plan lotteries that could belong to a woman.

Since I have been at Hamilton, I have not heard nor witnessed any change from within the system. The same things go on year after year, and I feel that it is at the expense of my rights, and my safety, that good-hearted, knowledgeable members (like you, John Refermat) work at a snail's pace for "a more enlightened awareness of the role of private societies." My proposal to you is to quit wasting your time licking your wounds and slandering individual HOSS members like me who harbor neither curious nor perverse feelings about the society system but rather feel angry and frustrated; start getting your so-called sympathetic friends together and use the short anount of time you have left to do something productive and progressive.

To: The Senior Class

Since there is only one week of classes left, we thought it was about time that we got together as a class to help finalize some Senior Week Plans. There will be a meeting Sunday the 28th in the Red Pit at 6:00p.m. Any seniors that attend this meeting will be able to buy their Senior Week Bracelets at a discount price. For those seniors who are planning on attending events and consuming alcohol, please bring the sum of $20.00. Any senior who is just planning on attending the events, but is not drinking will be able to buy a bracelet for $8.00. In order to get into any the events you must have one of these bracelets! After this meeting the bracelets will be sold for $25.00 and $10.00 and no exceptions will be made. If you do not bring the money with you a bracelet will not be held for you at these discounted prices. Payment can be a check made out to the class of 1991 or in cash. It is crucial that you attend this meeting, because trips such as Whitewater Rafting can not occur without us gaining knowledge of the people who will want to go. This meeting is for Seniors only!!!!

Sincerely,

Emily Beiles	**Rick Lefever**
Chuck Bryceland	**Chris Neimeth**
Joby Gardner	**Jill Oberman**

Question Existence, not Selectivity

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admit.

In order to resolve the debate over whether or not societies should exist, one should not focus on whether or not societies exercise selectivity. That does not address the issue. One should, instead, focus on their *existence*.

The institution of Hamilton College is "selective" and is "good" because it exists in order to promote the education of future members of society. That is its *function*. And it is good because we've decided that its function is good. Athletic teams are "selective" and are "good" because they exist to create the opportunity for intercollegiate competition. That is their *function*. And they are good because we've decided that their function is good.

Why do societies exist at Hamilton? What function do they serve? And is that function "good"? Does it justify their existence?

Once, when Hamilton was a socially and ethnically homogenous, single-sex institution, the college did not provide adequate housing, dining, and socializing facilities on its own. Societies, then, served several very important functions on the campus by providing Hamilton's students with a place to sleep, food to eat, and space for organizing social events. As the trustees recall with loving nostalgia, societies also provided male students the opportunity to learn how to socialize with other male students, and that was an important skill for male students to acquire before they entered the socially and ethnically homogenous, male-dominated, educated workforce. The societies, by serving worthwhile functions, justified their existence.

Yet all of that occurred a long time ago, prior to the 1960s, when America, its educated workforce, and its awareness of its own power structures were very different.

It is 1991 now, and the function of societies is the subject under question. Why do they exist now? The College has since made it a policy to provide adequate housing, dining, and socializing facilities for its students, all of its students. Hamilton now provides numerous places and events within which all of its students, male and female, people of various backgrounds, and disparate opinions, to learn how to socialize with other students, different from themselves. And that is an important skill for all students to acquire before they enter the socially and ethnically diverse educated workforce in existence in America today. Within American society, there is no longer a need for male students to learn how to interact solely with other male students. And so, the college now serves the functions for which societies were created better than the societies themselves can.

Yet societies on the campus still exist. Why? If their present function is not to provide adequate housing, food, or social space, and if it is not to allow students to interact as they will have to interact in the world outside of the Hill, what is it? What unique function do societies serve so indispensibly on the Hamilton College campus?

This unique function, and it is something no other Hamilton-based institution can provide with the same style and effect as the societies, is to serve as a working symbol for the trustees and for the men on campus that the worldview that existed in 1950 still exists today. They serve, quite effectively, to demonstrate that socially and ethnically homogenous white men (my apologies to the token minority members) can exercise privilege and priority over people who are different from themselves, over people whom they deem unworthy of such privilege, over women and socio-economically underprivileged minorities. They serve as a haven within which white male hegemony can shape the way in which everyone else thinks.

And it is no wonder that the campus debate concerning this issue is so emotionally charged so as to deteriorate into a debateover the participants' relative morality. Today, similar symbols are provoking emotionally-charged debates throughout all of American society and are deteriorating into equally absurd morality contests.

If you, the participants in the debate over the existence of societies, wish to continue the debate, please focus on the issue you claim to be debating. If you want to defend societies, then defend them for the symbol they represent, and please stop inventing fictitious functions ("we do charity work" is the classic example if only because it is so pathetic) in order to justify them. Please explain to the campus community why their function is worthy of their existence on campus.

If you do not support societies, then please stop arguing about selectivity. Societies will never become non-selective because to do so would negate their very function. Instead, focus on why their very function is fundamentally detrimental to Hamilton College's function as an educational institution.

And if you don't enjoy debating, please think these things over and decide for yourself what you think is right.

And please Hamilton, learn how to become a community.

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try to eradicate "fag-bashing" than lodge unfounded accusations of homophobia against a campus band because they parodied the well-known (contrary to Mr. Banks' smug implication last week, one needn't be gay to know about Queer Nation) slogan of a gay activist group to publicize themselves. We face all kinds of dangers as a society from people who spread sexism, racism, and homophobia — either deliberately or through their own ignorance — and we must join together to combat them. But a witch-hunt is simply not the answer: it's just not worth burning ten well-meaning people to get at one bad one.

Student Assembly Platforms

Elections will be held Wednesday, May 1st, 1991

1992 Class Representatives

Jen Hampton

I hope to have the opportunity to again serve our class as a representative. I am willing to work hard for a fun senior year and understand immediate action is a necessary component of success. Please give me a chance to lead us through a fun year and successful senior week.

Kathryn Hoffman

With only a few weeks left of this semester, our fourth and final year at Hamilton is drawing near. As seniors, we will be confronted with the reality of the post-Hamilton world. Job hunting, grad school applications, interviews, and theses will take up much of our time. I would like to help make next year one which we will be able to look back upon and smile. If elected, I will have the chance to do that. Please think of me at election time, and I will reward you with a senior year worth remembering.

John McCormick

Let's have a good senior year. Not just an awesome senior week, but a great year the whole way through. What we need is to come together in many social situations, as well as community-assistance situations, in order to be a solidly bonded class. I know the intricate workings of the assembly after sitting on it as the Residence Hall Council Co-Chair this year, and I know how to push proposals through the administration. Our class president needs a strong set of reps behind him, and I welcome the responsibility of providing you with an excellent senior year.

Torrence Moore

The Class of '92 still deserves Torrence Moore for Class Representative.

Warren C. White

In nearly three years at Hamilton, I have heard numerous debates on numerous issues, and numerous complaints by numerous students on these issues. I believe that rather than complaints, we need to take action. As your class representative, I will listen to your concerns, as well as your ideas to make our senior year our best yet at Hamilton. I have been involved in a number of clubs and activities on campus, and I feel that these experiences will provide the necessary background for my success as your class representative.

1992 Class Treasurer/Secretary

Gregory R. Giugliano

I am very qualified to be treasurer of our class. In the past year, I have overseen the operation of a budget in excess of $120,000. My success in this more demanding position has given me excellent experience. Furthermore, I will use my experience to organize funds for our senior dinner and gift campaign as well as other social events. I will establish a budget prior to next year so we can prepare well in advance for our endeavors to come. The worry of financial instability will be dissolved. Thank you.

Richard Skinner

I am asking you, my fellow members of the class of 1992, to elect me as your Treasurer/Secretary. We face a stiff challenge in raising several thousand dollars to pay for Senior Week. I believe I am qualified to meet this challenge. When I served as Treasurer in our sophomore year, I nearly tripled our class funds. This full year of experience allowed me to become familiar with the responsibilities of this position. It also allowed me to understand how Student Assembly works, which enables me to better serve our class in this body. In short—experience counts. Our class needs an experienced person as Treasurer/Secretary and I am that person.

Maria Stone

Yes, we will be considered seniors in less than a month. Unbelievable. We have a lot to look forward to in the next year, including our senior formal and senior week. Many of the activities we are planning require funds, organization and effort. The experience I have gained this semester as Class of 1992 Treasurer will benefit our class tremendously. My dedication and enthusiasm towards the class increases my desire to be Treasurer again next year. I know what we must do to have a great senior year and I am willing to take the necessary steps to accomplish our goals.

1993 Class Representatives

Jen Finan

Being involved in a variety of activities on campus, I have gained an understanding of the interests and concerns of the student body at Hamilton. If I am elected to be one of the class representatives of the Class of '93, I feel I could work well with the rest of the Student Assembly to solve many of these issues and to help get things accomplished.

Valerie Gude

"So where does it come from to see the race to its end? From Within." I believe that each of us has the ability to make a difference at Hamilton College. As Class Representative for the class of 1993 I undoubtedly will provide the enthusiasm, initiative, and ability to make Hamilton the best experience it can be. VOTE FOR ME, VALERIE GUDE, FOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CLASS OF 1993.

Max Sanchez

A representative should be able to listen to and identify the needs of the class. With this information, improvements can be implemented involving issues from class goals to school policies. Representatives are an important factor of the student government. When choosing a representative, select each one for his or her ability to express your point of view. An open mind is a significant attribute one must have when representing a number of people. I will listen to your ideas for improvement and will express them to the Student Assembly. I will be open to new suggestions and opinions of where the class should direct its energy. If elected, I pledge to represent you.

Toby Whitmoyer

I would be very honored to represent the class of 1993 on the Student Assembly. I feel that the student government at Hamilton should be more responsive to needs of the student body and should make the voice of the students carry more weight with the administration of the college. If elected, I would work for these two goals and try to accurately and responsibly convey the opinions of the rising Junior class to the Student Assembly and the college as a whole.

1993 Class Treasurer/Secretary

Rachel Gagnebin

Our student assembly officers must work together to improve and strengthen the class of 1993. I am not only an organized and motivated individual but also a cooperative and beneficial group worker. An active knowledge of figures will enable me to keep a close watch on our class accounts while my dedication will ensure that I am updated and involved in current activities. Approaching the final two years at Hamilton, the class must strive to increase available funds to be used throughout senior year. I will provide the additional organization and inspiration the class requires next year.

1994 Class Representatives

Sarah Gee

"No one made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little." -E.Burke

You don't have to do a lot to change the things that you don't like at Hamilton-that's what you have me for. I'm a firm believer in the theory that if you are unhappy about something, instead of complaining about it, CHANGE IT! Having already had one year of experience on the Student Assembly, I have the ability to improve things at Hamilton, whether it be the housing options (or lack thereof) or later library hours. Please give me your support.

Kristin N. Harding

I am sure many of you are disapointed with the lack of class functions this year. I agree with you and do not intend to let another year slip away without class activities. I feel I'm more capable of following through with my intentions because I have been a member of the assembly for one year. This year was largely spent representing your ideas to the council, but I now have the experience and knowledge to help these ideas manifest. I think it would be unfortuate to sacrifice the strides we made this year to start again with a new group of representatives.

Veronica Jorge

It is important to know that being a class representative means that a person must be capable of representing himself/herself. If I were elected to be one of our five class representatives, I would make sure that your needs, which are my needs as well, are met. I am a very eager and enthusiastic member of this community and am very willing to dedicate as much time as possible to getting things done for our class. I want to increase awareness among our class members of class events and promote more interaction between us. Through past experience, I believe I have the leadership qualities to make this possible.

Dave Newman

HI! I'm Dave Newman and running for Class Representative of '1994'. I'm hardworking, dedicated, and will get 'things' accomplished. These 'things' can be social or relate to sporting and charity events. I will suggest valuable ideas, but most important listen to suggestions anyone has. Trust me.

Andrew Solmssen

During the eight months that we have been on the Hill, I have met many people, and learned a great deal about Hamilton. I feel that I know my class, and would be an effective representative of their thoughts, ideas, and desires. I believe that the students need a greater voice in the affairs that concern them. We also need to work more closely with the administration to avoid problems like the current housing lottery fiasco. With strong leadership, the student government can become infinitely more effective, so elect Andrew Solmssen as Class Representative.

Sam Werberg

As a class representative for the class of 1994, I would like to represent all of you at the student assembly meetings, and keep you informed about what's going on. I have served in many elected positions, including President of my Senior class in high school. In that position I led my class through the senior year, as well as dealing with many difficulties with administration. I believe that I am more than prepared to serve as your class rep. Vote Wisely.

Ashley Wilberding

I am a motivated, active member of this community and would enthusiastically accept the position as one of your class representatives. It is crucial for representatives of our class to be involved in many aspects of the Hamilton environment. As a tourguide, athlete and member of various other clubs on campus, I believe my strong participation in our community will be an asset to the council. An increased student awareness of the roles of our class representatives is one issue which I will address. We need effective, energetic members in the Student Assembly to make our Sophmore year outstanding. Vote for Ashley.

1992 Class Treasurer/Secretary

A. Sona Virdi

Zero! That's how much we have got in the '94 Student Assembly Account. In our Senior year, do you want to be worrying about money for a senior gift? I know I don't. So I'm going to do something about it. Vote Virdi '94

1992 Honor Court

David Ives

The Honor Code has enjoyed a long and established history within the Hamilton community, yet, many among us recognize that in order for the Code to be a living document, it must reflect the changing needs and attitudes of both students and faculty. For example, a significant number of people on campus recently advocated a policy of self-scheduling final exams. Clearly, such a proposal indicates that opportunity for change exists, while still maintaining the trust and personal integrity that the code embodies.

I am sensitive to these concerns, and am capable of providing the leadership necessary to adequately address them, as well as upholding the general fundamental principles found within the Honor Code.

Rick Kohout

Four score and seven years ago, our forefathers brought forth upon this campus a new honor code. Since then, I've had a dream, a dream to sit on the honor court. I promise I will speak softly and carry a big stick. And so my fellow students, I implore you, ask not what the honor code and do for you but what you can do for the honor code.

In all seriousness, our honor code sets us apart from most colleges and universities by allowing the student to mature and accept responsibility. I feel that I can contribute an understanding voice on the court and help facilitate just decisions.

Jennifer Sandorf

I'm Jennifer Sandorf and I'm running for re-election to the Honor Court. Having served on the court this past year, I have come to realize the full importance of our Honor Code and I hope to see it put to use. The Honor Code is a valuable resource of this college and one that depends on you and me to make it work. So vote for Jennifer Sandorf for Honor Court and keep it working.

Brian Truesdale

The Honor Code represents one of Hamilton's most distinctive features. It acts as a mechanism to forge trust in faculty, students, and even student-student relations. When infractions of the Honor Code occur, the Court must act swiftly and justly to protect the viability of the pledge. The student representatives that compose the Court must be of the highest caliber to carry out this task. I have the commitment, ability, and experience (I served on the Court during the fall of 1990 before going abroad) to carry out the required duties. Thank you for your support.

1993 Honor Court

Mark Milhench

Hello. My name is Mark Milhench, and thank you for taking the time to read this. I don't want to try and amaze you by dishing out all sorts of political ideals. I just very simply would like to represent our class on next year's Honor Court. I transferred to Hamilton this year, and am excited to get involved in our student government. I have a good amount of experience, including three years as high school class president. More importantly though, I really would just like a chance at bringing some enthusiasm to the Student Assembly.

David A. Oberster

The Honor Code sets up one of the most important relations between students and professors. This relationship is built on trust. Recently there was a petition which expressed the desire of many students for free-scheduling of exams. This free-scheduling of exams must be turned into a workable policy which will protect everyone from infractions of the honor code. Your vote will ensure that if this free-exam scheduling policy is enacted, that violations of the Honor Code will be dealt with accordingly. Help protect the policy the petition calls for by voting for Dave Oberster.

1994 Honor Court

Chris Barris

Hello, my name is Chris E. Barris and I am running for the class of 1994 Honor Court representative. The Honor Court is an important position for it asks it's representative to uphold the virtues and ideals, as established by the Honor Code, for the Hamilton community. The Honor Code is imperative for one's matriculation at Hamilton College and it trusts the students to act honestly and maturly. I am a very strong believer in upholding the Honor Code and I hope you will support my fairness, open-mindedness, and enthusiasm as a representative. Thank you.

Appeals Board Representative

Robert Gold '92

Student offenses are real and tragic occurrences. Yet, due to the shortcomings of the Honor Court and the Judiciary Board, even well-intended hearings may violate student's rights. For this reason, the Appeals Board represents a promising outlet for those feeling unjustly processed or accused.

Believing in these principles, I am running for the Appeals Board Representative in Student Assembly.

As an elected representative, I would strive to reflect the views of the student body. In addition to my three diverse years of experience at Hamilton, I would contribute such personal qualities as open-mindedness, responsibility, organization, and initiative. With this in mind, vote Rob Gold for Appeals Board Representative.

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A Letter from HOSS to Prospective Students of the Class of 1995

The following letter was distributed by members of HOSS to prospective students at Monday evenings Activities Fair.

Once upon a time, when Hamilton was a men's school (cough, cough), several fraternities were established, primarily as social clubs where students and faculty could hang out. Thirteen years ago Hamilton merged with a neighboring women's college, Kirkland, and the two schools became one big campus. HOWEVER, HAMILTON DID NOT BECOME FULLY COEDUCATIONAL OR RESIDENTIAL. To this day, there are eight fraternities that own their houses, and two sororities that have no housing. Women are not granted the same options as men regarding housing or meal plan options. Men living in fraternities are automatically excluded from the general housing and meal plan lotteries, while women are not. Although at least two of the Hamilton fraternities have nationals or sibling chapters that are co-ed, Hamilton's chapters refuse to admit women - claiming that "it could never work." *hmmmm.*

The harmless social clubs of the past have evolved into the places on campus where women are most often harassed, assaulted, and raped. The pledging process of these private fraternities and sororities includes: burying pledges alive in coffins, inserting vegetables into anal orifices, women degrading other women about their bodies, and awarding a prize to the brother who most blatantly disregards the statutory rape laws!

If you are still excited about joining a society, there is one more thing you should know. They choose you to live with them; they decide who's good enough to become a brother or a sister; and *it is a cruel and arbitrary process that is divisive to the Hamilton community.* Who knows how you would fail to get chosen - you might wear a certain color shirt or disagree with one of the members; that would be it. [But don't worry; you'll still be invited to one of their functions (if you're lucky).]

Hamilton College is one of the last small schools to have private, selective and sexist societies. The college must drastically change the system or abolish it. You are in a unique position to get the ball rolling. Don't support an elitist system (that excludes women on the basis of sex and divides the campus) by going to Alpha Delta Phi's casino night. Don't listen to those who say "it's harmless"/"it's for a good cause." Sexism and elitism are never for a good cause. Instead, go to the activities fair and talk to a friendly HOSS member (who handed you this) about the issue. Go to the groovin' campus bands. Talk to other accepted students about the issue. Start working towards a true community.

And, if you decide not to become a Hamilton student because of the inequities perpetrated by the selective, sexist private society system, tell the college's admissions office.

HOSS (Hamiltonians Opposed to Selective Societies)

HOSS's Methods and Statement Executed Poorly

To the Editor:

This letter is addressed to HOSS and specifically to those members who handed out typed statements to accepted students who visited Hamilton on Tuesday. While I completely respect your rights to express your feelings on your own campus, I feel both your methods and your statement were executed poorly. So that I do not convey any false pretenses, I would like to make it clear that I write this letter as someone who devoted a lot of time and effort to the Open House '91. However, in no way do I pretend that all those involved with the Open House support my opinions.

I cannot even begin to explain the amount of hard work and devotion which was contributed to the planning and instigation of Open House '91. Every detail was aimed at making the accepted students feel comfortable, as well as presenting a clear picture of Hamilton life. Your attempt to enforce your opinions clashed with the intentions and atmosphere of the Open House.

The statement was written in story book form, beginning with "Once upon a time," this was a good introduction because the paper contained little but exaggerations and tall tales. The letter raised true, pertinent issues like the unequal housing, and the issue of coed societies. However, the prospective debate was ruined with generalizations, accusations, and false attention grabbers. Insinuating that all men in societies are rapists is unfair and only clouds the vision of parents or students with genuine concerns about safety. In your statement you accused all the fraternities and sororities of "burying their pledges alive in coffins" and other pure lies. I clearly understand why you stated these untruths: they correspond to the colorful stereotypes of societies which attract so much attention, disgust, and fear. The goal of Open House was to make accepted students aware of the issues on campus — not to scare them away through flashy statements like those from a tasteless television talk show. As a female, independent member of this community, I am tired of HOSS splashing the campus with unsubstantiated accusations, while failing to present a consistent membership and a clear platform. Further, your attack on Alpha Delta Phi's Charity Casino Night was an attack on one of the activities planned with accepted students in mind. Alpha Delta Phi was not the only option to prospective students, to name a few, there were the campus bands, an orchestra recital, and the Senior Project Theatre. The goal of Open House is that these students might sample everything at Hamilton. However, you negated our efforts to show everything at Hamilton by slandering the AD Casino Night and questioning their goal to raise money for charity. Alpha Delta Phi was an option equal with the other activities planned, and there is no justification for its degradation. Fortunately, judging by the attendance to Casino Night, few heeded your accusations.

The statement you handed out to accepted students and parents appeared to be a desperate attempt to be heard. This is ludicrous because we invited you too, and you attended the Activities Fair for accepted students. The Activities Fair was the proper place for your platform and for tasteful protests. If every student organization ignored the proper outlets for communication, the front lawn of Admissions would have been filled with people handing out flyers. One of the great things about Hamilton is that things are constantly being questioned and changed, and I credit this Hamilton forum to the existence of organizations such as HOSS. It is a shame that you showed little respect for the objectives of those who organized the Open House for Accepted Students. In your organization grandstanding took precedence over truthful discussion. My only hope is that accepted students do not think that lies and showy discourse are the trend throughout Hamilton organizations.

Pia E. Boben
Co-Chair, Hamilton Host Program

Lofty Goals Do Not Justify Mudslinging

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in regard to the propaganda which HOSS distributed to accepted to students this past week. First of all, I think it is in poor taste to involve people in a debate which they know nothing about, especially when you are only going to give them one side of the story. However, if you feel obligated to give out such literature, at least get your facts straight! As president of Phi Sigma Sigma, I can only speak for the organization which I represent, but I am offended and frustrated and this is why:

1. Phi Sigma Sigma is a non-selective organization for women. We do not **choose** our members, they **choose** us. We exist to offer support, friendship, an outlet for philanthropic endeavors, and leadership opportunities for women. If my society is going to be represented in your literature, get it right! I demand that you not slander my society in pursuit of some unidentified objective.

2. You refer in your letter to women degrading other women about their bodies. We do not, have not, nor do we plan to ever partake in this activity. Moreover, although I am not a member of Phi Beta Chi, the fact that they recently sponsored a workshop on anorexia, bulemia, and proper nutrition leads me to believe that they too would not partake in this activity. So from what magic hat did you all pull this accusation?

3. In your letter, you urge new students to come and talk to a "friendly HOSS member" about the issue. At this request, I have no choice but to laugh. Friendly HOSS members easily stereotype, categorize, and spread outright lies about my society and others, yet **not one has EVER made an attempt to speak to me**!

If you would like the truth-ASK, I will be happy to tell you how you can become a member of Phi Sigma Sigma. I would be glad to tell you why I think we are a necessary and positive organization on this campus. Or would knowing the truth perhaps weaken your claims?

I respect different opinions and that includes those of your group. I, too, want to live in a true community. I am frustrated though, because the very saddest consequence of your group is that you do not succeed in doing anything but polarizing the campus. Antagonizing people only succeeds in making them defensive, thus impeeding change. I know alot of people within and outside of the greek system who see the need for change—so why don't people talk? Why not channel your energies into rational discourse about ideas; your current tactics are obviously unsuccessful. Or do you feel like we all need to hate each other to make a point?

Lets face facts, we seem to be at an impass in regard to this issue—WE need to try something new. Let me just add that liberalism and political correctness do not make mudslinging and propaganda correct. Nor do these constitute a viable path toward change. We are all adults. Let's start acting like it. Let us begin to talk to each other, not at or about each other. Above all, why don't we all make an attempt to listen.

Stephanie S. Baxter
President, Phi Sigma Sigma

Protest Limits Success of Philanthropy

To The Hamilton Community:

Since the forming of the organization HOSS, its members, who ever they may be, have tried to convince us that their goals are to better the Hamilton community. As their charter states, their mission is: "To educate itself and the community on all related issues including the following aspects of the existing society system, etc." If this were indeed their objective, obviously we as Greek members would support their endeavors. However, HOSS.'s actions have displayed little adherence to their charter. Indeed, Article II, section 2 of the HOSS Charter states an even loftier goal: "To work with the Hamilton community to explore alternatives and promote change which will ultimately benefit and unify the entire community." Really? The actions undertaken by representatives of HOSS on April 23 on the lawn of the Admissions building explicitly contradict this statement.

Distributing leaflets to perspective students urging them not to attend Alpha Delta Phi's Casino Night is clearly not a beneficial act. The leaflet included the caveat: "...by going to Alpha Delt Phi's (sic) Casino Night. Don't listen to those who say it's harmless/it's for a good cause!" It was a good cause. Net proceeds, totalling $625.00, directly benefit local charities including Big Brother/Big Sister programs and the Utica Food Bank. Attempting to limit the success of a philanthropic activity neither educates, benefits, nor unifies a community.

We believe that if HOSS truly intends to "start working towards a true community," as this pamphlet stated, they should refrain from attempting to entrap, slander, or hinder societies whether it be a social occasion or philanthropic one. Such activities are divisive and refute the 'noble' goals delineated in their charter— if those are indeed their goals.

Eric S. McDuffie '92

HOSS Responsible for Alienation of Class of '95

To the Editor:

Now correct me if I'm wrong, but I thought that HOSS was an acronym for Hamiltonians Opposed to Selective Societies. However, in light of the events that occurred during Hamilton's Accepted Students Open House, it seems that HOSS now stands for Hamiltonians Opposed to Selecting Students for the Class of 1995.

Last Tuesday, potential future Hamiltonians were invited to the Hill to partake in the Hamilton experience. This was a process to help then make one of the most important decisions in their life: where to spend the next four years of their life. Most of us at Hamilton think that this is a great place, and a great deal of us took the time to extend a greeting to these prospectives and tried to make their time on this campus as enjoyable as possible. Unfortunately, the actions of a vocal minority of this campus with their high-handed morality could have quite possibly tainted, and even reversed, the decisions of these high school seniors to attend this institution.

Tuesday night, these prospectives were invited to Bristol to see the vast array of options that they would have should they choose to come to Hamilton. They were to be exposed to the variety of clubs and activities that they could participate in should they choose to come to Hamilton. Instead of being greeted by students who are thrilled to be in this environment, they were assaulted by members of HOSS who one, had nothing positive to say to these students about

Hamilton, and two, felt the need to impose their views upon these high school seniors. HOSS distributed fliers about the "evils" of the society system. This flier was not only poorly written but obnoxious as well because it included phrases such as "...when Hamilton was a men's school (cough, cough)...." Why the sudden outbreak of hacking? This is a fact. Before Hamilton became co-educational, it was a men's college. This is something that cannot be refuted, just like points that slavery was legal, women were once unable to vote, and our basketball team was ranked #1 in the nation for most of the past season. These are points that cannot be proved false, so why not just accept the fact that Hamilton was once a men's college?

Furthermore, the flier contained information that was blatantly false. I only suggest that before HOSS makes these accusations against societies and attempts to convince prospectives that these things occur, they do some research to discover if these rumors they hear are actually correct. HOSS is only managing to weaken their stance by basing their arguments on falsehood and deceit.

Another example of this ridiculousness of HOSS's flier is that societies are "divisive to the Hamilton community." The only group on this campus that has repeatedly managed to add to the divisiveness of campus with their unintelligent and nonconstructive discourse and mudslinging tactics is HOSS. Societies have organized and conducted numerous philanthropic events to benefit area children and the needy. One example of this is the Alpha Delta Phi Casino Night, which HOSS encouraged everyone to boycott. Well, if nobody wants to help out the Big Brother/Big Sister Program and ignore the needs of the underprivileged, that's fine by me. But I might just call you insensitive and elitist to feel that you don't have to do anything for those less fortunate than yourselves.

The purpose of the evening was to show these prospectives the options that they have should they come to Hamilton. The Buffers had a booth, the Outing Club had a booth, the Hamilton College Republicans had a booth. HOSS too, had a booth because to choose to join HOSS. is an option when one arrives on the Hill. Yet to join a society is also an option. Nobody forces anyone to join a society, so why should people get criticized for making an independent choice? That is the great thing about college and Hamilton in particular. One is expected to be more independent and mature, to be able to make these decisions on his or her own. Joining a society is as much of one's option and right as it is to join the Outing Club,*The Spectator*, the GLBSA, and yes, even HOSS. Yet societies did not have a booth in Bristol that evening. However, nobody sees society members running about campus, arms flailing, shouting about the injustices committed against societies by HOSS. Maybe that is because societies realize and respect the independence and maturity of the individual to make his or her own choices, and societies don't feel the need to impose their beliefs upon these prospective students as it seems do other groups on campus.

Furthermore, when a Hamilton student approached a HOSS member distributing fliers asking when the the next HOSS meeting was, he was asked if he wanted to join. He respectfully replied that he did not, but that he was curious to discover more about HOSS and what they are about. He was then asked if he had joined a society. Upon his response of yes, he was told that he could not attend the meeting. Well, I won't use the cliched phrase "So who's being the hypocrite now?" But what I will say is that I guess selectivity is a two-way street and should be treated as such. If HOSS is so vehemently against selective societies, they should not be selective themselves.

The purpose of the Open House was to have these accepted students experience life at Hamilton. They were expected to have a good time. Even the weather was good. So why did HOSS. feel that they had to ruin these students's pre-college experience even before they have matriculated on this campus? If they wanted to irritate them, HOSS could have at least waited until they had matriculated. Through their actions, it seems that HOSS has not only further alienated themselves from the rest of the student body, but by disrupting the Open House, perhaps from the Administration as well. I am sure that there will be students who were here this week who will not decide to come to Hamilton. But when they fill out the questionnaire as to why, they will not claim because of the "sexist private society system" as the HOSS flier hopes they will. Instead, they will blameHOSS. I think a big round of applause should go to HOSS for doing their best to help ensure that the bright and motivated students we want to form Hamilton's future will be sharing their ideas and beliefs elsewhere.

Tim Fisher '92

What Defines Acceptability?

To the Editor:

As a member of this academic and social community, I was offended in last week's *Spectator* by John Refermat's galling of those who have a "perverse dissatisfaction with Hamilton." Several dictionaries define "perverse" as "corrupt, improper, incorrect" and "willfully deviating from acceptable or conventional behaviour and opinion."

What then is ***acceptable or conventional*** **dissatisfaction at Hamilton?** Who defines what is acceptable and conventional at Hamilton and in the greater society?

I like to think an essential element of my four years at this school includes listening to different viewpoints and opinions. One of the most difficult, but important lessons to learn is that there is not always a right or wrong way, only a different way. How dare Mr. Refermat call others' dissatisfaction with a community in which there is a lack of equal footing for all as **perverse**?

No further argument or elaboration is needed. Let those who read this think for themselves in a way in which their minds are free, unshackled from fear of perversity.

In passing, in this quest to find out what is acceptable behaviour, I wonder if Mr. Refermat was too busy involving himself with the insular, male world of Delta Phi to listen to the many women's voices which needed to be heard during Womyn's Energy Weekend. Were they heard? For those of you who support Mr. Refermat's statement, were you there?

The African author Ngugi wa Thiong'o recently wrote, "There are two worlds. There is the world of those who accept things as the way they are, and there is that of those who want to change things. Which world do you belong to?"

Michael Madero '91

Delta Phi "Enrichment" Questioned

To the Editor:

Upon reading John's article, entitled, "Society Debate Must Conform to Minimum Standards of Decency" (see *The Spectator*, April 19, 1991, p. 23), I became quite perturbed. As I carefully reread his article, one phrase, concerning the content of John's Hamilton career (re-printed in the next paragraph) stood out and truly bothered me.

John wrote, **"I will be thankful for the friends and experiences that have enriched me. Will members of H.O.S.S. be able to say the same?"** I feel that it is important to ask John *why* these friends and experiences have so "enriched" his life.

To enrich (according to the 1976 edition of Funk and Wagnalls' Desk Dictionary) is a verb with four basic meanings: 1. To make rich or increase the wealth of. 2. To make more productive, as soil. 3. To add attractive or desirable elements to; make better, more interesting, etc., by adding. 4. To increase the food value of.

Because John is an active fraternity member who saw fit to question the enrichment, motives, and function of the Hamilton organization known as Hamiltonians Opposed to Selective Societies (H.O.S.S.), and has had such an "enriching" experience at Hamilton, I would like to ask a few questions concerning his "enrichment." Furthermore, I feel that these questions could be asked of all fraternity members at Hamilton, concerning their "enrichment."

First, as definition #1 of "to enrich" states, "to make rich or increase the wealth of," I would like to ask John what monetary gains he has received as a result of his frat career. Has he been offered jobs as a result of fraternal connections? I am curious. Does he think career interested motivations for joining an all-male organization are justifiable? I can remember a fellow first-year man in my residence hall, telling me that his motivations for joining a certain fraternity were in part related to anticipated "connections" in the business world. He was deadly serious, and in our junior year became president of that fraternity. His goals of achieving an economic advantage as a result of his fraternity connections seem to have been realized, alas, as he has received numerous job offers this year. Certainly life, for him, has been "enriched" as a result of his affiliation with a fraternity. Does John think this is true "enrichment?"

Looking to the second definition of enrich: "to make more productive, as soil," I would like to ask John if, as a result of his fraternity-laden days at Hamilton, he has "become more productive, as soil?" Does he, in fact, consider himself to be productive soil? What production can soil have, after all, if it is not mixed with more, similar soil, and watered periodically, forming, inevitably, mud? Is it not true that a stable and relatively constant climate promotes production for soil? I feel people, with a few exceptions, are not soil, but opposites as far as their ideal growth conditions. After all, how can any person grow if he or she is not in an ever changing, stimulating, and challenging environment? Such a diverse, stimulating environment can be found in fraternity house life, right? Thus, because he has lived in one, John has grown, I guess.

Thirdly, let us address definition #3 of enrich: "to add attractive or desirable elements to; make better, more interesting, etc., by adding." How interesting is life without the constant presence of women? I found it to be not so enriching. My Hamilton experience has been much more interesting during my years outside of the confines of a fraternity house, where one is supposedly insulated from "the rude gaze of public scrutiny" (taken from a Hamilton fraternity preamble).

Finally, the most interesting definition of to enrich has to be "to increase the food value of." Has a diet consisting of a disproportionate amount of fried foods ("chicken pucks," "wings," etc.), which results in many fraternity houses on campus, increased the food value for John? This is the kind of difficult question many are afraid to ask.

Finally, reflecting on his self-proclaimed "enrichment of life," John then thought it was important to ask, "Will members of H.O.S.S. be able to say the same?"

Golly, I hope not.

Joseph Falcone '91

Level of Campus Discourse Disappointing

To the Editor:

I am unhappy. Unhappiness seems to be the prevailing campus sentiment. What happened to the Hamilton that I knew and loved as a first year? If I had a chance to do it all again, I would not choose to come to this dreaded, dreary, miserable place. One might argue that the problems existed here three years ago, but they were oppressed, suppressed, and ignored. Now these issues are surfacing by people who are strong and bold enough to stand up for what they believe in and are willing to fight for them. I applaud these individuals whole-heartedly because they have every right to speak their opinions. I have a large problem, however, with their ways of channeling energies.

I do not believe that either side realizes the kind of person I am. Those who know me will testify that I am a liberal, progressive person. Doesn't it make sense for those who are against societies to come and talk to me with specific demands, not sensationalism? Doesn't it make sense to take advantage of me, while I am President, since I can not guarantee that the next President will even listen?

I have some problems with society members as well. Don't you think it is time to listen to what others in this community are saying? Don't you think it's time to question our ways and work toward a compromise?

Overall, I have to say that the society members are much more cooperative than the anti-society individuals. We have made substantial changes over the past year. We have attacked issues, not just ranted and raved about them.

And what about the anti-society individuals? What have they done? Certainly not taken advantage of me. I have repeated over and over again to many of them: give me concrete solutions to the problems that you see, and maybe I will agree and try to push them through ISC. Don't people realize that it is best to work from within, and that I am their best avenue for change?

In the beginning of the semester, I attended a H.O.S.S. meeting. Among topics discussed was changing the status system in housing. They argued against the inequity that exists since society men are able to skip their sophomore year in housing. They want the status system to represent the number of years you live on campus. For example, if you live in a society house for your sophomore and junior year, as a senior you would return to the lottery with sophomore standing. I listened, and I agreed that this system would be fairer.

I took it upon myself to raise the issue at my next ISC meeting. There was debate, but in the end we decided that if this issue were raised, we would agree. I initiated change from what I picked up at a HOSS meeting. No H.O.S.S. member approached me about the subject — I had to approach them. Instead of asking me to attend the Housing Committee meeting with them in two weeks, they have taken it upon themselves to go alone. By doing so, it appears to be a fight; it seems as if they love to perpetuate tension.

This entire debate is draining me out. Both sides need to relax, talk and listen to each other. Why are people finding rational conversation so difficult? Has it ever occurred to either side that maybe neither is right and that there is a compromise?

Dyan Finguerra '92

Boycott of Al Ham Day Planned

To the Hamilton College Community:

Saturday, April 27 is Al Ham Day. Al Ham is a celebration of the Greek private society system at Hamilton College. These societies are selective by sex—sexist; these societies are self-selecting—elitist. This system functions in a way that is divisive to the Hamilton College community. If you don't support this sexism and elitism which breaks down our community, BOYCOTT AL HAM DAY!

Michelle Kweder '92
Lisa Rawson '91

P.S. Alexander Hamilton was gay! Join in on a community-building event. Celebrate GLBSA weekend on the Kirkland side!

Peluse Article 'A Lot of Rubbish'?

To the Editor:

Mr. Peluse: In regard to your contribution to the *Attitudes* section in the April 19 issue of *The Spectator*, I feel the need to voice several comments and questions. You said a lot of things. As far as I'm concerned, you wrote a lot of rubbish.

You dismissed homophobia as being subjective. Yet, you cited instances of Catholic-bashing and called it "immoral," "unnatural," and "a perversion of sexuality." Actually, I must concede that you wrote that these were the verbal responses of others, but you obviously felt the need to inquire others, and to use these responses to support your view on the question of homosexuality — are they not subjective? I do not condone the Catholic-bashing about which you complained. However, has it ever occurred to you that, perhaps, homosexuals and bisexuals may resort to such tactics because the Catholic institution has been so opposed to, maybe even hostile towards, these people? I do not doubt that there are homosexual and bisexual individuals who are religious and Catholic, but are alienated by their own religion. Besides, there are a vast number of other religions — probably a majority of them, too, are as opposed to this which is generally perceived as abnormal in our society, but I found it rather interesting that you only mentioned Catholicism.

As for the "good or bad" nature of homophobia, I really do not see that there could be any "good" about it. All one has to do is to replace the word "homophobia" with "racism" or "sexism," and I would almost guarantee that there would be an uproar over such a statement.

I would venture to say that most, if not all, people are aware that homosexuality is not the socially accepted "norm;" and perhaps society's response to it is "only natural," but only to the extent that it is due to ignorance and a refusal to even attempt to gain some sort of understanding.

It is also implied in your *Attitudes* statement that physical harm is unacceptable but that negative remarks are not, and that to be affected by a seemingly targeted negative remark is childish. I do not believe that the "We're not queer" flyer was meant to hurt, but it was stupid, and there was not an unjust reason to think that it was conscientiously targeted towards those who may not be considered as "normal" by society as a whole.

You say that homophobia is a social reality. So it is. Racism, sexism, ageism, anti-Semitism, etc. are also part of the current social reality. Are you telling me that these things are not worth fighting? Are they too subjective?

You seemed to say that homophobia is not necessarily evil, so why did you bother to claim that homophobia at Hamilton is virtually nonexistent? Additionally, of course, we do not witness "unexpected, rash harassment" of homosexuals at Hamilton. After all, Hamilton is "a very special place." No one would ever dream of doing such a thing, right? Who would admit to being homophobic? Anti-homosexuality is such a strong norm in this society. Most homophobics must not realize that they are homophobic, much like most rapists do not realize that they have raped — racists do not realize that they unjustly discriminate. Homophobia does not have to be blatant to indicate that it exists—subtlety is more frequent, and although not as visible as outright prejudice and discrimination, it has the same potential consequences. Besides, if homophobia is the norm, any attack on homosexuals would hardly be unexpected.

Furthermore, you stated that "the 'homophobe' was reserving **his** right not to accept to accept homosexuality for **himself**." This indicates to me that homophobia is largely a male problem; otherwise, you are certainly using sexist language. Also, as far as I know, unlike what you seem to believe, homosexuality is not contagious. If anyone ever tried to expose you to the African, Asian, or Native American culture, I seriously doubt that you would suddenly become Black, Asian, or a Native American.

There are troublesome things happening all over this world, and if we continue to ignore the importance of the immediacy of these problems, society is going to crumble without hope for amendment. Not today, maybe even a century from now, but it will happen. That is the social reality.

Quite frankly, I am rather pessimistic, according to the way things seem to have been going, especially lately, almost everywhere. I am not so naive as to think that I am going to change your mind, but I do urge you to really think about all this. I probably should have done something sooner — that is, in response to your earlier pieces in *The Spectator* —but with this last one, I had finally had enough.

Belinda P. Chu '93

Homophobia A Vital Issue

To the Editor:

"What's in a name?" appeared to be the main question of Mr. Peluse, the author of last week's *Spectator* article entitled "Homophobia Label Too Subjective." Mr. Peluse's intentions behind the question are unfortunately radically opposed to those of Shakespeare: his purpose is not to widen our eyes beyond sterile, practical labels that smother heightening qualities of a subject, but rather to disregard a subject whose label has become distasteful to him. Mr. Peluse attempted to sway readers from learning to confront homosexuality by asserting that it and homophobia are "subjective" phenomena and therefore cannot be discussed or incorporated into a heterosexual's understanding and decision-making process. The claim he used to support this conclusion is that homophobia is not a political issue.

Ironically, however, Mr. Peluse only referred to homosexuals by their political definition, i.e. a group of people who are alienated and repressed individuals because they live outside of certain societal "norms." Not recognizing this definition of homosexuality as a political one implies that it is the essence, rather than the consequence, of homosexuality. It implies that the inevitable suffering of a homosexual in our society is due to an "essential" impairment to their humanity. The "problem" is therefore theirs and not ours, the priviledged heterosexuals forming a priviledged type of human being.

Homophobia and homosexuality are, however, political issues. Their definitions — "irrational hatred of homosexuals" and "inequality due to sexual difference" — have been created by homosexuals themselves so that their unique needs can be assessed and reckoned with. Homosexuals are a group of people who share one thing in common: a sexual preference contrary to certain societal "norms" that germinates mistrust, lack of respect, and violence against them. They have united into a political group under functional labels that will allow their demands and contributions to be dealt with by the other socio-political arenas in our democratic society.

The root of Mr. Peluse's confusion seems to be that he assigns the burden of "homosexuality is not the socially accepted norm" to homosexuals rather than to the rest of society. The fact is is that homosexuals exist. It would be absurd to resolve their repression by accusing them of being different. That they do not live with certain norms is a reflection of these norms rather than of themselves. This is because homosexual demands and homophobia are political issues; they are political and not moral issues because we live in a dynamic, egalitarian, and democratic society.

Society and its norms are not stagnant. They evolve with new influxes of diverse peoples, with their ideas, desires, and needs. This has been the historical character of our country, and indeed the power behind its break for independence. Holding to moral and social standards that fall behind the needs of certain socio-political groups causes only pain and violent confusion. This should be obvious to every American that has slavery fresh on the historical record.

Mr. Peluse is open about his revulsion for homosexuals which he wishes to ascribe to the majority of the population. But his revulsion and consequent desire to avoid the demanding process of confronting and accepting homosexuality solve nothing; they only prolong the solution to a problem that is here and here to stay. Recognizing that homosexuals are different in their oppression and political needs and not in their humanity may help the issue along. In short, the attempt to write a letter that condemns homosexuals for griping while simultaneously claiming that it was not an exercise in "gay bashing" has led to a remarkable new development: that of "gay stashing", in discreet little boxes far from the rest of "us" who are moving towards perfection in a uniform fashion. The opportunity is ripe to question the suppression of diversity for the illusion of "essential" unity.

Gwynne Church '92

Article Lent 'False Legitimacy' to Homophobia

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the Attitudes section of *The Spectator* of April 19, 1991.

I find it outrageous that *The Spectator* apparently solicited opinions from both a gay person and someone who is anti-gay (for that is what "homophobic" means). If one were to have an Attitudes section devoted to, eg. antisemitism, it would be totally uncalled for and vicious to have two opinions solicited, one from a Jew and one from an antisemite!

If one wishes to know if Jews experience harassment or ostracism at the College, one asks them. If one wishes several opinions, one solicits responses from several different Jews, not from Antisemites. The same is true of gays and lesbians.

That is not to say that Antisemites and homophobics and racists do not have the right to express their opinions in the press. They clearly do. Rather my point is that *The Spectator* has, apparently in the name of "balance," granted a false legitimacy, a co-equal status to gay bashing.

Heidi M. Ravven,
Assoc. Prof. and Jewish Chaplain

Quote Clarified

To the Editor:

I write in reference to *The Spectator*'s "Quotable Quotes" of April 19. If one must, here at Hamilton, be quoted out of context, then the least one might hope to expect is that the actual quotation is correct. Knowing that its context can never be accurately or justly represented, I nonetheless offer a few clarifications. The statement made was "It was **not** just get in the kitchen and bend over." The context of the statement was NOT a description of "life for most women in the nineteenth century," but a discussion of the content and character of the nineteenth century anti-women's rihgts movement in general and the anti-suffrage movement in particular. My use of coarse language was to emphasize the anti-suffrage movement's explanation and legitimation of women's subordination did not consist simply of a demand for domestic and sexual submission. That explanation and legitimation were aspects of alarger, more complex view of gender and gender relations that, in part, saw the subordination of women as a natural and necessary component of family stability and social order.

Douglas Ambrose

Discourse Article Source Clarified

To the Editor:

I was pleased to see my article, "Can New York City Learn from Its Mistakes?" in the current issue of *Discourse*. However, in purging the footnotes (in the interests of readability) an important fact about the article was deleted. For the record I should note that the article in *Discourse* is an abridged version of an article I published in the Summer 1990 issue of *Corruption and Reform*, entitled, *Remembering Corruption*. Thank you.

Frank Anechiarico,
Dept. of Government

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Lottery Lament Shows Need for Change

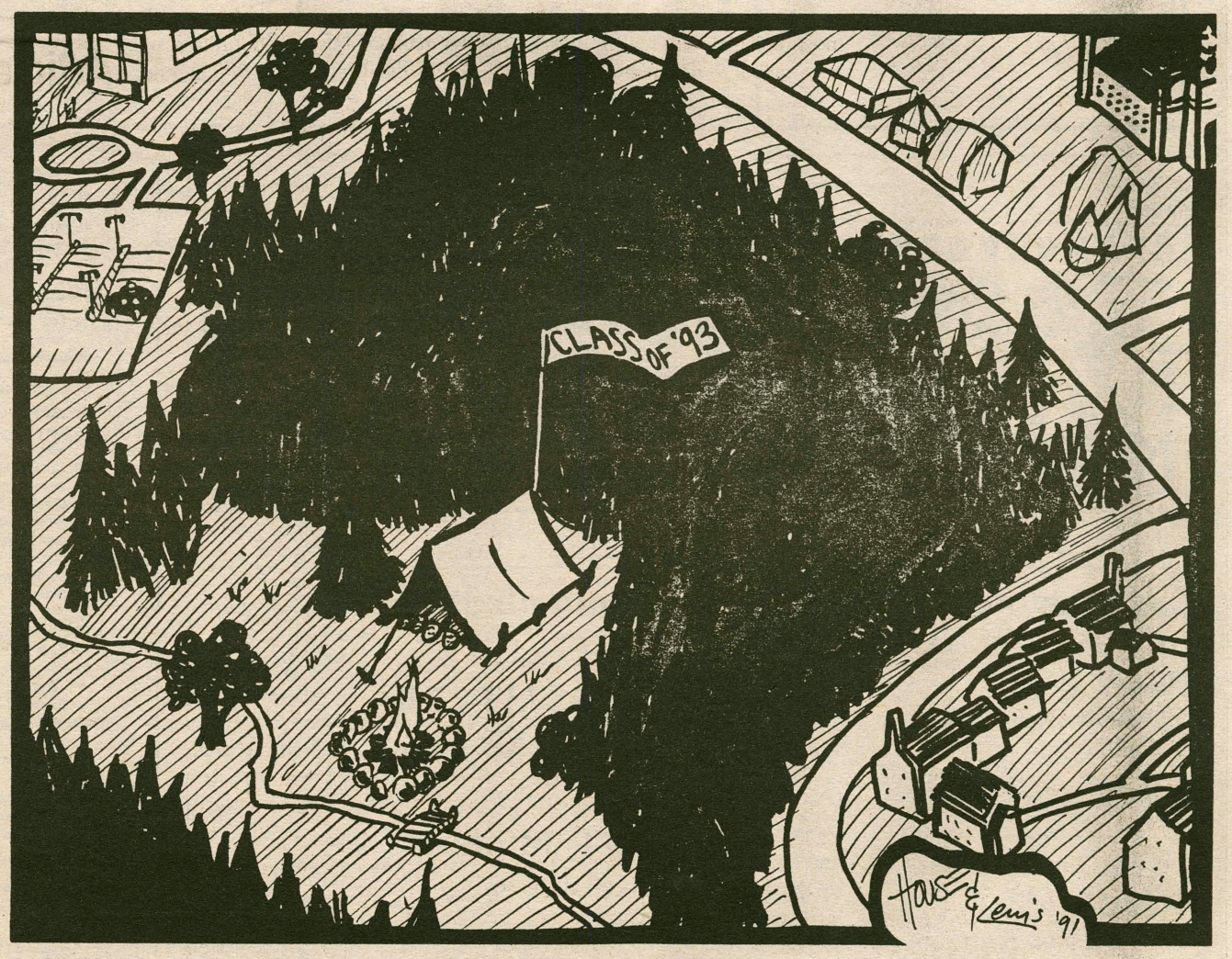
The housing lottery evokes the bad side of human nature, filling K.J with hundreds of Mr. Hydes looking out for number one, especially when their number is 400th in the class. Everyone is acting in their own self-interests in what many feel is the most crucial determinant of their happiness while at Hamilton This housing lottery gave people even more than the usual cause for concern. While the Office of Residential Life espouses the motto that, "All housing is good housing," obviously no housing stinks.

Yet 92 people were faced with that situation, some of whom waited around from 12:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. Why? The reasons supplied by the Office of Residential Life are manifold, and seem logical.
The problem apparently resulted from the snowball effect of several unforeseen circumstances. Some may ask why no one had the forethought to create provisions in the event that certain conditions arose. This crisis signals the need for some change. It is up to the students to take the initiative.

The Office of Residential Life cannot be shouldered with all the blame. Credit must be given for the difficulty of the task, and for dealing with students at their most volatile. Being responsible for housing leaves one vulnerable to the highest amount of criticism. The ability to deal with such disapprobation and emerge virtually unscathed and ready to continue working is commendable.

Perhaps, though, the Office and the Residential Life Committee could use some outside assistance. Ideas should be generated from the entire student body. Students discuss alternatives amongst themselves, but few share it with those who could actually bring about change. Inequities clearly exist in the system, and need to be worked out. But a limited number of people can come up with a limited number of solutions.

If you cannot attend meetings of the Residential Life Committee, formulate suggestions on your own. Discuss them with your friends, and ask friends at other colleges for some suggestions. Send your proposals to Rebecca Reed through campus mail. By making this small effort, you may help a lot more people leave the housing lottery next year with smiles on their faces. And one of them may even be you.



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1. Submissions are due by 6:00 p.m. the Tuesday before publication. Submissions can be sent to *The Spectator* via campus mail or sent to one of the Attitudes editors. Submissions can also be placed in the Attitudes box outside *The Spectator's* office on the third floor of the Bristol Campus Center. The editor reserves the right to refuse any late submissions.

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3. If the editor determines that a piece may be libelous, or may be an unwarranted invasion of privacy, then the piece will not be printed. *The Spectator* reserves the right to correct factual inaccuracies or to refuse to print the piece due to factual inaccuracies.

4. The editor also reserves the right to return the submission to be rewritten.

5. If possible, all pieces should be submitted on Macintosh disk along with a hard copy, but typed letters will also be accepted.

26 *Friday*

2:00 **Baseball.** Union at Hamilton.
2:00 **Muslim Prayer Service.** Chapel.
4:00 **Film.** *Desert Hearts.* KJ Aud.
7:00 **Lecture.** "Language and Identity: A Survey of Hot Bitch Dykes and Fierce Queer Fags." Christine Martin. Red Pit. KJ.
7:00 **Asian Dance Performance.** Presentation of the Indian, Korean and Balinese dances. Chapel.
8:00 **Society of Composers.** North/South Consonance. Wellin Hall, Schambach.
8:00- **HAVOC Dance Marathon.**
2:00 Commons Dining Hall.
8:00 **Christian Fellowship Meeting.** Room 220, KJ.
10:00 **Comedy Improvisational Group.** "Falling Rock Zone." Dwight Lounge.

27 *Saturday*

TBA **Golf.** NESCAC.
11:00 **Softball.** Stony Boork & St. John Fisher at Hamilton.
11:00 **Women's Lacrosse.** Hartwick at Hamilton.
1:00 **Men's Tennis.** Binghamton at Hamilton.
1:00 **Baseball.** Albany at Hamilton.
2:00 **Men's Lacrosse.** Clarkson at Hamilton.
3:00 **Society of Composers.** Syracuse society of New Music.Wellin Hall.
3:00 **Film.** *Another Country.* KJ Aud.
5:00 **Barbecue and Open Mike.** McEwen.
8:00 **Society of Composers.** New Music Ensembles. Wellin Hall.
8:00 **Senior Project in Directing.** Valle-Inclan's *The Gala of Death.* Antonio Castro. Minor Theatre.
11:00 **Dance Party.** Coffeehouse.

28 *Sunday*

10:30 **The Church in the Chapel.** Nya Taryor. Chaplain.
12:00 **Hillel Farewell Brunch.** Azel Backus.
1:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
1:00 **Film.** *Longtime Companion.* Discussion with Central NY AIDS Task Force. KJ Aud.
2:15 **Society of Composers.** Syracuse Society for New Musec. Chapel.
3:30 **Different Series.** McLean Mix. Wellin Hall, Schambach.
4:00 **Lecture.** "Bodies, Fire and Salvation: The Authentification of Relics in the Middle Ages." Fisher Room, BCC.
8:00 **Senior Project in Directing.** Valle-Inclan's *The Gala of Death.* Antonio Castro. Minor Theatre.

29 *Monday*

3:00& **College Course 300 Film:**
7:30 Soderbergh, *Sex, Lies and Videotape.* KJ Aud.
4:00 **Men's Tennis.** Hamiton at LeMoyne.
4:30 **Softball.** RPI at Hamilton.
7:00 **ACOA Meeting.** Penney Room. BCC.
7:00 **SISA Meeting.** Womyn's Center.
7:30 **Focus on Central and Eastern Europe Lecture.** "The Bankruptcy of Yugoslav Federalism?" John Cox. Red Pit, KJ.
8:30 **Root-Jessup Lecture.** "Feminism Without Illusions." Elizabeth Fox-Genovese. Dwight Lounge, BCC.

30 *Tuesday*

12:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
12:00 **Spanish Table.** Room 109, McEwen.
3:30 **Men's Lacrosse.** Hamilton at Siena.
7:00 **Baseball.** The Fifth Annual Jackie Robinson Game. Hamilon at Utica.
7:30 **French Film.** *Drole de Drama.* KJ Aud.
8:30 **Hamilton College Oratorio Society.** Wellin Hall, Schambach.

1 *Wednesday*

12:00 **French Table.** Room 104, McEwen.
3:00& **College Course 300 Film:**
7:30 Burnett, *To Sleep With Anger.* KJ Aud.
4:00 **McKinney Prize Speaking Contest.** Chapel.
5:00 **Chinese Table.** Room 104, McEwen.
7:00 **HOPE Meeting.** ELS.
7:00 **Bible Study.** "Let Justice Roll Down." Room 401, Root Res. Hall.
8:00 **Senior Project in Performance.** *Stripping Away the Mask.* Elliot Eddie. Minor Theatre.
8:00 **AAUP Journal Club Lecture.** "Figuring Forms: How Embryos Shape Up." Sue Ann Miller. Fisher Room, BCC.

2 *Thursday*

12:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
3:30 **Softball.** Oswego at Hamilton.
4:00 **Residence Hall Committee Party.** Bristol Terrace.
7:00 **Film.** *Betty Blue.* Chem. Aud.
8:00 **Senior Fellowship Presentation.** Christopher Pohl. Red Pit, KJ.
8:00 **Spring Concert.** Buffers and Special K. Chapel.
8:00 **Senior Project in Performance.** *Stripping Away the Mask.* Elliot Eddie. Minor Theatre.
9:00 **Womyn's Center Meeting.** Womyn's Center.

Movies, Movies, Movies

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Not at the Bijou, but in Hamilton's very own K-J Aud., a variety of movies will be shown this weekend. *Desert Hearts*, Friday at 4:00, *Another Country* Saturday at 3:00, and *Longtime Companion* Sunday at 1:00 as well as the usual weekend movies Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

MOVIES

Sangertown 797-2121

Silence of the Lambs.....6:45, 9:30
Home Alone.....6:50, 9:20
Dances With Wolves.....7:30
Toy Soldiers.....7:00, 9:45
The Kiss Before Dying.....7:15, 9:50
Oscar.....7:05, 9:40
Ninja Turtles II.....6:30, 8:30
Out For Justice.....7:10, 9:25
Mortal Thoughts.....7:00, 9:35

Uptown 797-0020

Godfather III.....7:00, 10:00

Cannonball 853-5553

Misery.....7:00, 9:15

Paris 733-2730

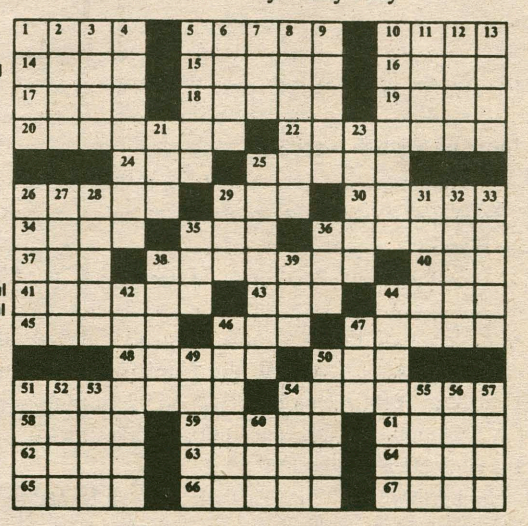
The Long Walk Home.....7:00, 9:00

On Campus

Tango & Cash
•Fri. K-J Aud.....8:00
•Sat. K-J Aud. 10:00
•Sun. K-J Aud. 7:30

Amadeus
•Fri. K-J Aud.....10:00
•Sat. K-J Aud. 7:30
•Sun. K-J Aud 10:00

"STATELY NICKNAMES" By Gerry Frey



ACROSS
1 Over the hill
5 "____ State": Hawaii
10 "____ me State": Missouri
14 One of the tribes of Israel
15 Center of attraction
16 Promise
17 Paradise
18 Choleric
19 Combining form meaning bone
20 "Granite State" Capital
22 "Garden State" Capital
24 Cheer for the matador
25 English measurement
26 Burn badly
29 Oldsmobile, eg
30 Corresponded with
34 Dawn
35 ____ fly
36 Bay of ____
37 Exist
38 "____ State": Louisiana
40 Devoured
41 Work on the hedges again
43 "___ no to drugs!"
44 Besmirch
45 Trick's companion
46 2,000 pounds
47 Yanks and Mets, eg
48 Willy ____: Miller's salesman
50 Mr. Marvin
51 "Grand Canyon State" Capital
54 "_____ State": North Carolina
58 Precedes "PIDES": Greek dramatist
59 Rows
61 ____ China
62 Bell output
63 Ms. Taylor
64 Blood vessel
65 Centerpiece for Arizona, Nevada, Colorado and Idaho
66 Chemical compound
67 This: Spanish

DOWN
1 Mr. Guinness
2 "___ ____ what we can"
3 Kiln
4 "Cornhusker State" Capital
5 In flames
6 Jack ____: of Hawaii 5-O
7 Wood sorrel
8 Mad _____: Alice's friend
9 Lively
10 "_____ State": Oklahoma
11 Biblical has
12 Mr. Preminger
13 At what time?
21 "_____ Dominion State: Virginia
23 Senator Sam from Watergate
25 "Badger State" Capital
26 Intelligent
27 Apple tool
28 Mountain ridge
29 Sacramento's St.
31 City in "Sunshine State"
32 Ms. O'Neal
33 Ogiers
35 "____ State": Idaho
36 "____ State": Massachusetts
38 Mountain climbing tool
39 Word with tin
42 "Tarheel State" Capital
44 "_____ State": Utah
46 For hire cars
47 Combining form meaning trice
49 Bishop's hat
50 Word with printer or surgery
51 South American country
52 French eight
53 Precedes "MENT": Christmas decoration
54 "Pine ____ State": Maine
55 Chemical suffixes
56 Blue pencil
57 "_____ Star State": Texas
60 Noun suffix